

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART I**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Federated States of Micronesia

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Draft Regulation 44(1)(a)(iv) + 44(1)(c)

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

[(1)(a)](iv) Require accountability and transparency in the assessment, evaluation and management of Environmental Effects from Exploitation in the Area, including through Stakeholder participation and the timely release of and access to relevant environmental data and information.

...

[(1)](c) In taking necessary measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution and other hazards to the marine environment arising from Exploitation in the Area, the Enterprise and Contractors shall implement, mutatis mutandis, the measures set out under paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) above and demonstrate accountability and transparency in the assessment, evaluation and management of Environmental Effects from Exploitation in the Area, including through Stakeholder participation and the timely release of and access to relevant environmental data and information.

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

The term “engagement” is unclear and might be more limiting than the term “participation,” the latter term implying more active involvement of stakeholders on their own right being merely being “engaged” at the whim of the Authority. We propose the use of “participation” rather than “engagement” in para (1)(a)(iv) as well as in para (1)(c).

We also think that the term “stakeholder” should be capitalized in para (1)(a)(iv) and para (1)(c), as well as everywhere else it appears in the draft exploitation regulations, for the sake of consistency, given that there is a definition of “Stakeholder” (capitalized) in the Schedule, and there are also other instances in the draft exploitation regulations where the term is capitalized.