

**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:

Deep Sea Conservation Coalition

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

Annex IV

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.

Part 7

7.0 The obligation should be only to ‘prevent’ and ‘avoid’ impacts.7

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

Restoration or remediation are not scientifically feasible in the context of the deep sea. Most harm will be irreversible. Mitigation is not an option as States are obliged under UNCLOS Article 145 to ‘ensure effective protection, ‘protect’ from harmful effects and ‘prevent’ damage to flora and fauna.