

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

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**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.**

In para 2(e), it is not only likely effects but possible effects which need to be assessed.

In para 2(f), the word minimise is misplaced. The marine environment is to be protected from environmental harm, which is far stronger than minimising harm.

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

The marine environment is to be protected from environmental harm, which is far stronger than minimising harm. If the marine environment is not protected, then mining should not go ahead. Currently this regulation implies that effects are only to be minimised, no matter how harmful.