

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

Informal Working Group Institutional Matters

Part I Introduction

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.

Regulation 2 Fundamental [Policies and] Principles

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.

Delete all “fundamental policies”.

add a(bis): Activities shall not be authorized in the Area unless it can be demonstrated that there will be effective protection for the marine environment from harmful effects, that the living marine resources of the Area will be protected, that they will not cause damage to the flora and fauna, there will be no loss of biodiversity, that rare or fragile ecosystems and their habitat will not be depleted, threatened or endangered species and other forms of marine life will be protected, and that there will be no interference with marine ecosystems, their resilience, with ecosystem services, or other harmful effects.

(e)(ii) Replace precautionary approach with precautionary principle.

e(vii) A Regulation should ensure not encourage public participation

(h) The Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind (Art 136)

Add: All loss of biodiversity is to be prevented.

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

Fundamental policies are an oxymoron. They are weighed against other policies. Public participation must be ensured, not just encouraged. The common heritage of mankind should be accurately reflected. It must be a fundamental principle that any loss of biodiversity or damage to marine ecosystems is to be prevented. Articles 145 and 194(5) need to be implemented together with more recent commitments to protect biodiversity such as SDG14 Target 2 and Rio+20's The Future We Want.

