

**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 4 Protection Measures in respect of Coastal States

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.

Paras 2,3,4,5: delete “Serious” before “Harm” and define “harm” as pollution, damage to the flora and fauna of the marine environment, degradation of marine ecosystems, their resilience or ecosystem services, loss of biodiversity, depletion of rare or fragile ecosystems and their habitats, adverse effects on threatened or endangered species and other forms of marine life; interference with ecological balance of marine ecosystems, their resilience, ecosystem services or other adverse effects.

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

“Serious harm” is only one of a number of obligations for the protection and preservation of the marine environment in Part XI and too high a threshold. Deep-sea mining cannot go ahead if it will cause harm to the marine environment or damage to marine flora and fauna, consistent with the Convention Art 145 (“harmful effects”) and Art 194(2) (“damage by pollution”) and Art 194(5) and should not be permitted if it contravenes more recent international commitments to halt and reverse biodiversity loss (Rio+20) and maintaining/building ecosystem resilience (SDG 14.2).