

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

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:

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Draft Regulation 45

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.

Regulation 45

Development of environmental Standards ~~and Guidelines~~

[1.] Environmental Standards ~~and Guidelines~~ shall be developed in accordance with regulation ~~s~~ 94 ~~and 95~~ and shall include, inter alia, the following subject matters:

(a) Environmental quality objectives ~~and indicators~~, with defined normative threshold values, including on ~~ecological balance of the marine environment~~,

(i) biodiversity status

(ii) plume density, ~~toxicity~~, composition, geochemistry, and extent, and

(iii) toxicity of the water column,

(iv) sedimentation rates, and

(v) light emissions and

(vi) noise emissions,

(b) Monitoring ~~procedures~~ programmes, and

(c) ~~Mitigation measures~~ Prevention, reduction and control measures and/or remediation of environmental harm,

~~(d)~~ Baseline Data collection,

~~(e)~~ Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities and

(f) Quantitative assessment of environmental effects.

[2. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the necessary environmental Standards ~~and Guidelines~~ listed under Paragraph 1 have been adopted.]

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

This is a joint proposal by Finland and Germany. We support the amendments inserted by the Facilitator, if not indicated otherwise. In addition, we propose a few amendments, also in tracked changes. Effective environmental protection requires legally binding standards (and not guidelines), we therefore see the urgent need to delete “guidelines” from this DR. We offer a restructuring of Para 1b) to improve clarity and to align with the threshold value development discussed in the July meeting on the basis of the GER submission. We strongly support the inclusion of Paragraph 2.