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 49

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 49**
   > **Pollution control**
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   > A Contractor shall take ~~all~~ all necessary measures to protect ~~and preserve~~ and preserve the Marine Environment ~~from harmful effects~~, including by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including marine litter and underwater noise ~~including marine litter and underwater noise~~ from its activities in the Area, in accordance with the ~~the~~ its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all applicable Rules of the Authority, the ~~[relevant]~~ applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, ~~if any~~ and the applicable Standards and taking account of the applicable Guidelines.

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

   We support the amendments inserted by the Facilitator, if not indicated otherwise. In addition, we propose a few amendments, also in tracked changes. In line with other delegations, we do not see rationale of deleting the word "all" and request its reinsertion, in line with Art. 194 of the convention. Similarly, we suggest to reinsert "and preserve" and to delete "from harmful effects", in accordance with language contained in Part XII of the convention, also specifically in Article 194 where DR 49 relates to. As for the listed pressures we propose to keep the reference to noise and litter to add clarity, as the term "pollution" in many contexts do not traditionally include these issues. In general, it should be reconsidered to merge this DR with or at least link it to DR 48 on the EMMP.