

**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 and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

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

DR 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.

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

(a) Environmental quality objectives ~~[and indicators]~~, including on ~~ecosystem structure, function and resilience~~ ~~ecological balance of the marine environment~~, biodiversity status, plume density, ~~toxicity, composition, chemistry~~, extent, ~~and~~ sedimentation rates ~~and light and noise emissions~~.

(b) Monitoring procedures, ~~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]~~ ~~inter alia~~ referred to in paragraph 1 have been adopted.]

Commented [BD1]: Consider avoiding this list (see rationale)

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

R45 (1)	Italy does not support reference to guidelines, considering that Standards are mandatory, and guidelines are not. Putting them in the same provisions would determine less relevance for standards or excessive relevance to guidelines. Limiting the reference to Standards would constitute the explicit regulatory basis for the preparation of binding standards by the LTC.
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	<p>We suggest considering whether the list in para 1 (a) and following should be put here. There is already a list provided in regulation 94 Alt, para 3. We need a uniform list to avoid uncertainty. Furthermore, such detail in the Regulations could limit future developments in environmental protection monitoring. We question if such detail could be better included in the S&G.</p> <p>Replace “ecological balance” with “ecosystem structure, function and resilience” (see Italy’s proposals to DR 44)</p> <p>Add “and revised” after “be developed”</p> <p>Support “inter alia”.</p> <p>In literal (c) only keep Mitigation, as it is already defined in the Schedule and it includes what follows.</p>
R45 (2)	Support the addition, but delete “necessary” and “and Guidelines” and add after “Standards” “inter alia referred to in paragraph 1”