

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART III**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council@isa.org.jm](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).

**1. Name of Working Group:**

Institutional Matters

**2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Italy

**3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

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**4. 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.**

3. Contractors shall take all measures necessary to ensure that their activities are conducted so as not to cause harmful effects **[SUPPORT THIS TERMINOLOGY]** to the Marine Environment, including, but not restricted to, pollution, damage to the flora and fauna, **interference with ecological balance, including ecosystem structure, function and resilience** and other hazards to the Marine Environment in areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of coastal States, and that such harmful effects or pollution arising from activities in its Contract Area does not spread into areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of a coastal State. Such measures shall include consulting with any potentially affected coastal State with a view to ensuring that the rights and legitimate interests of coastal States are not infringed.

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

Italy supports the terminology referring to “harmful effect” as indicated in art 145. To keep up with the language of the Convention, Italy would also like to add “interference with” before ecological balance. In addition, as Italy proposed in the IWG on environment it is suggested that the paragraph qualify “ecological balance” with an update terminology: “, including ecosystem structure, function and resilience”