

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
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Regulation 2 (e) (ii)

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(e)(ii) The application of the precautionary approach, ~~as reflected in principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development~~

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

Japan supports New Zealand’s view on the practical implementation of the precautionary approach to the specific context of deep sea mining. To this end, this aspect should be taken into consideration in the development of the Exploitation Regulations and relevant Standards and Guidelines currently underway.

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(iv) The application of the polluter pays principle **as reflected in principle 16 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development through market-based instruments, mechanisms and other relevant measures;**

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Regulation 2 (e)(iv) provides “the application of the polluter pays principle through market-based instrument, mechanisms and other relevant measures,” which could be being interpreted in many ways. In order to avoid such situation, Japan considers the text should refer to the principle 16 of the Rio Declaration.