

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

Informal Working Group - OEWG

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:

Japan

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

Regulation 39 Books, records and samples, Paragraph 2

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.

3. To the extent practical, a - Contractor shall keep, in good condition, a representative portion of samples or cores, as the case may be, of the Resource category, from each sample collection period identified in the Standard and Guidelines, together with biological samples, obtained in the course of Exploitation until the termination of the exploitation contract. Samples shall be maintained taking into account the relevant Guidelines, which shall provide the option for the Contractor to maintain them itself or to have such maintenance performed on its behalf in whole or in part by a third party.

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

As proposed by the Korean delegation, sometimes it is not possible for Contractors to keep a representative portion of samples or cores in good conditions. We therefore request to maintain “To the extent practical” as drafted in the original draft regulation.