

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

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:

Japan

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

Regulation 44

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 (a)(i) Apply the precautionary approach, ~~as reflected in principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,~~ and the ecosystem approach to the assessment and management of risk of harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

3. The Legal and Technical Commission shall make recommendations and/or report to the Council on the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 above in accordance with Article 165, the paragraph 2 of the Convention.

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

Regarding paragraph 1, Japan supports 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. Regarding paragraph 2, we propose to add “and/or report to the Council” as well as “in accordance with Article 165, the paragraph 2 of the Convention” to be in line with Article 165, the paragraph 2 of the Convention which provides the obligation of the Commission to supervise, upon the request of the Council, activities in the Area, where appropriate, in consultation and collaboration with any entity carrying out such activities or State or States concerned and report to the Council.