

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 46bis 4, Environmental Impact Assessment

**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.**

4. The environmental impact assessment shall:

(a) Be based on relevant baseline data that captures temporal and seasonal variation;

(b) Include an environmental risk assessment that takes into consideration the region as a whole, in accordance with the objectives and measures of the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan;

(c) Provide for stakeholder consultation [in accordance with relevant Standards and Guidelines](#); and

(d) Be subject to an independent scientific assessment prior to the submission of the Environmental Impact Statement to the Authority.

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

Japan proposes to add “in accordance with relevant Standards and Guidelines” after “(c) Provide for stakeholder consultation” of Section 4 to ensure that stakeholder consultations are implemented in accordance with relevant Standards and Guidelines.