

**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 49 Pollution control

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.

A Contractor shall take all necessary measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment, including by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including ~~marine litter and~~ underwater noise, from its activities in the Area, in accordance with the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and the applicable Standards and Guidelines.

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

The regulation covers the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. In that sense, it is considered not necessarily a general description of the environmental protection is required. Needless to say, it is important to reduce marine litter for the environmental protection. However, marine litter is not some pollution specific to the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area and we consider that it is included in “pollution” that is mentioned in the same sentence. Accordingly, from the perspective of simplification, we propose to delete “marine litter” from this sentence. On the other hand, we support addition of “underwater noise” as it requires further careful consideration for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.