

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

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Mexico

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

Art. 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. The Authority, sponsoring States, the Enterprise and Contractors shall each, ~~as appropriate~~ within their respective competence and obligations, adopt, plan, implement and modify measures necessary for ensuring effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects which may arise from Exploitation in the Area, including without limiting those from shipboard processing ~~immediately above a mine site of minerals derived from that mine site~~ and from transportation of minerals from the mine site to inland facilities, in accordance with the Convention, the Agreement, the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority ~~in respect of activities in the Area~~, as well as the Standards referred to in regulation 45. To this end, ~~they shall:~~

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

44.1. Activities in the Area shall be analysed in a holistic and integral manner. ALL parties related to exploitation (Sponsor States, The Enterprise, Contractors, The Authority) shall take the necessary measures -according to the precautionary principle and within their respective competences and obligations- for ensuring effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects which may arise from ALL the exploitation-related activities. These activities shall include the mining activities in the Area, as well as the shipboard processing (which not necessarily shall be performed “immediately above of the mining site”) and the transportation of the minerals from the exploitation area to inland disposal considering that all such activities entail risk of harmful effects on the marine environment in both national and international jurisdiction.