

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

***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:**

Federated States of Micronesia

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

Draft Regulation 49

**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 the necessary measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment, including the coastline, from harmful effects, 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 its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all applicable Rules of the Authority, the [relevant] applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, ~~if any~~ and the applicable Standards and taking account of the applicable Guidelines.

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

We propose inserting “the” before “necessary measures” as an alternative to “all” (although we are also fine with “all”); “and preserve” next to “protect”; a reference to the coastline, in line with article 145 of UNCLOS; and references to marine litter and underwater noise as types of pollution and other hazards. We also propose deleting “if any”, because there will always have to be a relevant REMP in place before Exploitation activities can proceed.