

**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:

Federated States of Micronesia

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

Annex VII: Para 2(k)

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.

(k) A description of a system for ensuring that the plan shall adhere to Good Industry Practice, Best Available Techniques, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Scientific Evidence, and a description of how such practices are reflected in the proposed Exploitation activities;

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

An EMMP, by its nature, should adhere as closely as possible to Best Environmental Practices, as defined under the draft exploitation regulations. In para 2(k) of Annex VII of the draft exploitation regulations, there are references to Good Industry Practice, Best Available Techniques, and Best Available Scientific Evidence as elements to which an EMMP shall adhere, but there is no current reference to Best Environmental Practices, even though there is a reference to “practices” later in the paragraph. We propose a reference to Best Environmental Practices for para 2(k) to address this gap.