

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

***Informal Working Group – Institutional Matters***

*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 exploitation regulation 3(d) + 3(e)

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation 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.**

(d) The Authority shall consult and cooperate with sponsoring States, flag States, relevant adjacent coastal States, competent international organizations and other relevant bodies as appropriate, to develop measures to:

...

(e) Contractors, sponsoring States, relevant adjacent coastal States, and members of the Authority shall cooperate with the Authority in the establishment and implementation of programmes to observe, measure, evaluate and analyse the impacts of Exploitation on the Marine Environment, to share the findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination and to extend such cooperation and collaboration to the implementation and further development of Best Environmental Practices in connection with activities in the Area

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

The FSM supports the textual proposals above that were previously made by one or more members of the Council for paras (d) and (e) of draft exploitation regulation 3 in 2019, as captured in ISBA/26/C/CRP.1. For para (d), consultation and cooperation pertain to, among other things, the protection of the Marine Environment (in sub-para (i)), and it is critical to involve coastal States whose maritime zones are ecologically connected to or otherwise adjacent to the location of Exploitation activities in the Area. Similarly, for para (e), the observation, measurement, evaluation, and analyze of impacts of Exploitation activities in the Area will be incomplete without the active involvement of the above-mentioned relevant adjacent coastal States.