

**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:**

Norway

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

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**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.**

Regulation 47

Environmental Impact Statement

12. An applicant or Contractor, as the case may be, shall prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation and in consultation with relevant Stakeholders throughout the process.

21. The purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement, which shall accompany an application for approval of a Plan of Work in accordance with regulation 7, is to document and report the results of the environmental impact assessment carried out in accordance with Regulation 46bis.

~~2. An applicant or Contractor, as the case may be, shall prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation and in consultation with relevant Stakeholders throughout the process.~~

3. The Environmental Impact Statement shall be in the form and deliver the contents as prescribed by the Authority in annex IV to these regulations and shall:

(a) Be inclusive of Include a prior environmental risk assessment;

(b) Be based on the results of the environmental impact assessment;

including a description of the main elements of the methodology used for the identification and evaluation of the identified environmental impacts, and main uncertainties and knowledge gaps.

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

- We believe it would be better if the EIA and EIS are regulated in the same regulation or in subsequent regulations. However, if kept in DR 47, DR (47) para 1 should state the requirement, and para 2 should state the purpose. (47) 2.: Norway would suggest deleting this last part of para 2 because we think all consultation requirements must be clearly set out. “throughout the process” is an unclear requirement and also unnecessary since the

consultation requirements should be clearly set out in the DR. (3) b) is a welcome addition, but should in our view also include “and main uncertainties and knowledge gaps”, which we understand to be normal procedure. (3) c) For Norway, this is acceptable language.