

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](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.**

The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, develop Environmental Standards ~~shall be developed~~ in accordance with regulation 94 ~~and which~~ shall include, but is not limited to, the following subject matters:

- (a) Environmental quality objectives, including on biodiversity status, plume density and extent, and sedimentation rates;
- (b) Monitoring procedures; and
- (c) Mitigation measures.

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

To provide clarity, it should be stated which actor/entity is responsible for the development of the environmental standards. DR 45 pertains to standards but should perhaps also include a reference to guidelines? Norway is sceptical of adding the suggested (2) “the Authority shall not approve any Exploitation unless the necessary environmental standards have been adopted”, since the Council has already assessed and decided at what stage the different standards and guidelines must be adopted. An alternative might be to consider replacing the word “necessary” with “relevant”. It should be clarified that the list in litra a-c is not exhaustive. In addition to environmental quality objectives, the necessary/relevant standards should include threshold levels (for contamination, plumes etc.).