

**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:

Norway

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

46bis

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.

4. The environmental impact assessment shall:

(a) Be based on relevant baseline data that captures temporal and seasonal variation;

(b) Include an environmental risk assessment that takes into consideration the region as a whole, in accordance with the objectives and measures of the relevant [Regional Environmental Management Plan](#);

(c) Provide for stakeholder consultation at the scoping stage [based on the scoping report] and before the Environmental Impact Statement is finalized; and

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

Norway fully supports an obligation to carry out an environmental impact assessment. Norway supports the reference to cumulative effects in DR 46 bis (2) b). This is important and must also be reflected in the EIS. The relationship between EIA and EIS is unclear and must be further clarified and streamlined. Norway supports a clear demand for public stakeholder consultations. It is not clear in the DR when and on the basis of what documents such consultations are to be held. Norway supports stakeholder consultations at the “scoping stage” based on a scoping report (as set out in the EIA standard) and before the EIA/draft EIS (as applicable) is finalized and submitted to the Authority.