

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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 facilitator’s proposed amendments are reflected in **red**.
- Our proposed amendments are indicated as in-line edits in **blue**. Proposed deletions of text proposed by the facilitator appears in strikethrough and **bold**.

[1.] Environmental Standards ~~and Guidelines~~ shall be developed in accordance with regulation[s] 94 ~~and 95~~ and shall include, ~~inter alia~~, the following subject matters:

- a. Environmental quality objectives, ~~[and indicators]~~ and thresholds, including, but not limited to, on ~~ecological balance of the marine environment~~ ecosystem functions and services, biodiversity status, plume density, ~~toxicity, composition, chemistry,~~ and extent, ~~and~~ sedimentation rates ~~and light and noise emissions,~~
 - b. ~~Environmental management and m~~Monitoring procedures ~~and interpretation of results,~~ ~~and~~
 - c. ~~Mitigation measures~~Prevention, reduction and control measures ~~and/or remediation of environmental harm.~~
- (~~b~~) Baseline Data collection,
- (~~c~~) Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities ~~and~~
- (~~f~~) Quantitative assessment of environmental effects.

[2. ~~The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the necessary environmental Standards [and Guidelines] have been adopted.~~]

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

We agree with the Facilitator’s text suggestions. We strongly agree with the inclusion of paragraph 2 proposed by France, while noting, as mentioned by Ghana on behalf of the AG, that it will be important to provide a comprehensive list as to which environmental Standards and Guidelines are deemed ‘necessary’ before an exploitation activity can be approved. We emphasize that the S&Gs currently under review and development in Phase 1 and 2 are not

comprehensive. At the very least, this regulation or the relevant list must include a Standard on environmental quality objectives, indicators and normative or quantitative thresholds (as proposed by Germany) and a Standard on baseline data.