

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

Informal Working Group -

Part IV

Protection and preservation of the Marine 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:

Portugal

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

Regulation 44, Paragraph 1

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.

«1. The Authority, sponsoring States, the Enterprise and Contractors shall each, within their respective competence, adopt, plan, implement and modify measures necessary for ensuring effective protection of the Marine Environment, ~~including [rare or fragile ecosystems as well as the habitat of depleted, threatened or endangered species] and other forms of marine life,~~ from harmful effects ~~[directly resulting from Exploitation in the Area or from shipboard dewatering immediately above a mine site of minerals derived from that mine site,]~~ ~~[which may arise from [Exploitation](#) activities in the Area],~~ in accordance with the Rules of the Authority, [Standards/Guidelines](#) referred to in regulation 45 and the applicable Regional Management Environmental Plan. To this end: [...]»

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

- The reference to “Marine Environment” already includes all forms of marine life like rare or fragile ecosystems, which requires a proper definition in the appropriate standards and guidelines.
- The reference to Standards and/or Guidelines must be aligned with Regulation 45.
- Exploitation activities in the Area also include shipboard dewatering.