

**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.

Reg 45, 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.] 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], including on ecological balance of the marine environment, biodiversity status, plume dispersion and dilution, toxicity, composition, water chemistry, and sedimentation rates and light and noise emissions, (b) Environmental Monitoring parameters to be acquired to quantitatively assess the impacts on the Marine Environment against the environment baseline, (c) ~~Mitigation measures~~ Prevention and mitigation measures of harmful effects to the marine environment., (ee) Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities. »

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

- It is proposed to replace the “plume density” and “extent” by “plume dispersion and dilution”, as well as “chemistry” by “water chemistry”, aiming to provide more clarity on the contractors’ obligations in defining the environmental quality objectives and indicators in their EIA and EMMP.
- It is proposed to combine b), d) and f) sub-paragraphs as reflected in the draft text above.
- Prevention and mitigation measures are both considered important to be referred to in this Regulation.