

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 46bis, Paragraph (2)(b) and (c)

**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.**

«(b) An Environmental impact assessment and evaluation process to describe and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental Effects of the mining operation, including cumulative impacts and residual effects using Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, Best Available Techniques, and Good Industry Practice and taking into account, where applicable: (c) The Identification of measures envisaged to prevent, mitigate or if possible, and manage harmful Environmental Effects and risks to as low as practicable, including through the development and preparation of an Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan.»

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

- The proposed text refers to a list of items that should be included in the Environment Impact Statement. It is considered that this level of detail should be avoided in the Regulations and should be covered by appropriate Standards and Guidelines.
- In sub-paragraph (c) it is proposed the deletion of the word “offset”, since this is not envisaged in the Draft Standard and Guidelines for environmental impact assessment process and for the preparation of an environmental impact statement.