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.

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

Canada

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

Regulation 44

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.**

> **Regulation 44**
> **General obligations**
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> iv)   Require accountability and transparency in the assessment, evaluation and management of Environmental Effects from Exploitation in the Area, including through stakeholder engagement and the timely release of and access to relevant environmental data and information made available to all stakeholders for feedback through the Seabed Register and DeepData Platform.

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

At ISA science workshops, scientists have pressed the need for transparency and access to data for the Environmental Assessments, Regional Management Plans, independent studies on the natural state in Areas, and mining impacts. This proposal promotes transparency and access to information within ISA..

We would suggest improvements to the Seabed Register and DeepData Platform so that they may function as an accessible data sharing platform and a registry where reports, documents and information could be shared to solicit feedback from stakeholders. The language proposed would require compliance in this regard.