

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Regulation 45

**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 45

Development of environmental Standards

- (1) Environmental Standards shall be developed in accordance with regulation 94 and shall include the following subject matters:
  - (a) Environmental quality objectives and indicators, including thresholds on biodiversity status, plume toxicity, density and extent, and sedimentation rates, and light and noise emissions;
  - (b) Baseline Data collection
  - (c) Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities
  - (d) Monitoring procedures; and
  - (e) Mitigation measures and/or remediation of environmental harm.
- (2) The Authority shall not approve any exploitation activities unless the relevant environmental standards are adopted. Standards shall be regularly revised in response to advancements in scientific knowledge and experience.

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

Exploitation activities shall be subject to effective environmental protection as provided for in Art. 145 UNCLOS. Effective environmental protection requires legally binding standards regarding notably the subject matters mentioned in lit. (a) and on baseline data collection as provided for in lit. (b). Para. 2 ensures that exploitation activities do not commence without such legally binding standards.