

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

Informal Working Group - 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:

SPAIN

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

Regulation 47

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 bis. The Environmental Impact Statement will be considered a mandatory and binding document since it will derive in significant effects in the marine environment, providing the necessary measures to protect it, in accordance with article 145 of the Convention.

2. An applicant or Contractor, as the case may be, shall prepare the Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation for approval by the Authority within the framework of the consideration and approval of the work plan.

3 (d) Be in accordance with the objectives and measures of the applicable regional environmental management plan, ~~if any~~; and

3 (e) Be prepared in accordance with the relevant Standards in accordance with ~~Good Industry Practice~~, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Techniques and taking into account the relevant Guidelines.

4. The Environmental Impact Statement shall demonstrate that the proposed mining operation is in accordance with all applicable environmental Standards and with the requirements of the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, ~~if any~~.

5. The Environmental Impact Statement of every project should be available in the official website of the International Seabed Authority in the interests of transparency of the whole process,

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

[1 bis] We would like to introduce a new paragraph emphasizing that this document must be considered mandatory and binding since it will derive in significant effects in mining activity in the marine environment, providing the necessary measures to protect it in accordance with article 145 of the Convention. [2] We propose a new wording [3 (d)] Removal of "if any" The environmental impact assessment must consider the regional management plans (as a new paragraph is proposed. In the line of the comments from Ghana, 5. Spain agrees to indicate that the environmental impact assessment should be available for the public in the ISA's webpage. tated in art. 44bis). [3 (e)] See previous comments related to this subject. A new

paragraph is proposed. In the line of the comments from Ghana, Spain agrees to indicate that the environmental impact assessment should be available for the public in the ISA's webpage.