

**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:

Spain

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

[Annex IV.- Environmental Impact Statement](#)

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.

5.4. Biological environment

The description needs to detail fauna communities in the water column down to the Mining Area **and beyond**, including migratory and highly mobile species, their relationship to the natural habitat, including the mineral resource, and the functional ecological relationships across groups to assess the scale of impacts to be expected if mining occurs.

[To be included in paragraph 8.](#)

[If the project is included into, ~~an area~~ or is adjacent to, any relevant area-based management established under subregional, regional or global processes, such as Marine Protected Areas, or areas that has been declared as EBSA \(Ecologically or Biologically Significant marine area\) in the framework of the Convention of Biological Diversity, description of the impact of the project to the area and to its significant ecological and biological values.](#)

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

– There is a need to include specific references in the paragraph 8 to measures to compensate impacts, since “compensation measures” are addressed in article 46 bis but not in Annex IV