

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).*

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

Submitted by WODA

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

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**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.**

- (a) Environmental quality objectives [and indicators], including on ecological ~~balance of resources in the marine environment~~ at the exploitation site, biodiversity status, plume density, ~~toxicity, composition, chemistry~~, extent, and sedimentation rates ~~and light and noise emissions~~;

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

- “Ecological balance of the marine environment” is very ambiguous and not well defined. Is it a balance of the marine environment and the mining site or the region? We suggest the replacement of “ecological balance of the marine environment” with “ecological resources at the exploitation site”.