

**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:

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.

Restriction on Mining Discharges

1. A Contractor shall not dispose, dump or discharge into the Marine Environment any Mining Discharge, except where such disposal, dumping or discharge is permitted in accordance with:

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

- The terms “dispose, dump or discharge” should be clarified as to what they mean. Is creation of a plume disposal, dumping, or discharge? The London Convention/London Protocol has specific definitions for dumping. With respect to discharge: is that through a pipe?
- What is considered a discharge? What materials would be allowed? Is preliminary separation at the seabed allowed, avoiding the transport of non-valuable materials. Is separation at the surface still allowed, e.g. dewatering? In the case of SMS, is preliminary screening at the surface allowed to dispose of non-valuable materials?