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2	79-84	Please replace definition of the precautionary approach with the following: “The Precautionary approach is principle of international environmental law applicable to the activities in the Area in accordance with UNCLOS. It shall be widely applied by States in order to protect the environment. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.”
2	109-111	Please replace “Environmental management is critical, particularly for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 14” with “Environmental management is critical, particularly for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and its resources as one of the objectives of UNCLOS ”
18	696-730, 753-783, 786-791, 794	Please delete all references other than references to documents and sites of relevant international intergovernmental organisations, such as ISA, IMO etc.