

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART 3**

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:

African Group of 47 Member States

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

Preamble

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.

[Alternate text to replace whole preamble] In accordance with the Convention, the Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind, and the Exploitation of the resources of the Area shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, on whose behalf the Authority acts.

The objective of these regulations is therefore to provide for the Exploitation of the resources of the Area consistent with the Convention, including the duty to ensure effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects caused by those activities.

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

The Preamble should conform more closely to the preamble of the Exploration Regulations. The current drafting reads like a preamble to a treaty, containing incomplete sentences, and making references to principles that are repeated in Regulation 2 without offering any additional operative meaning.