

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

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

Institutional matters

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Belgium

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

Article 2.4 (ii) – Principles, approaches and policies

4. 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.

4. According to article 145 of the Convention, the effective protection of the marine environment from the harmful effects which may arise from activities of exploitation, in accordance with the Authority’s environmental policy, including regional environmental management plans, is based inter alia on the following principles and approaches:

(i) Intergenerational equity.

(ii) Precautionary ~~approach~~ principle.

(iii) Ecosystem approach.

(iv) Polluter pays principle

(v) Access to data and information relating to the protection and preservation of the Marine Environment.

(vi) Accountability and transparency in decision-making; and

(vii) Effective public participation.

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

As the principle of precaution has been defined in the Declaration of Rio (1992), it seems to BE that the precautionary principle brings more clarity.

