

**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:** IWG ENVIRONMENT
2. **Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Chile
3. **Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**
Annex IV
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.**

Annex IV.3	<p>3. Description of the proposed development project</p> <p>Provide details of the proposed development activity project and the area of influence of the project or impact area, including relevant diagrams and drawings. It is understood that most projects will likely involve the recovery of minerals from the Area, with the concentrating process(es) occurring on land within a national jurisdiction (outside the jurisdiction of the Authority). While it is expected that this section would provide a brief description of the entire project, including offshore and land-based components, the Environmental Impact Statement should focus on those activities occurring within the Authority’s jurisdiction (e.g., activities related to the recovery of the minerals from the Area up to the point of trans-shipment). Details to be provided under this section should include the headings listed below</p> <p><i>Chile suggests incorporating the concept of "Area of Influence of the project or area of impact", in order to collect information on the different environmental components in the water column, sediment and biological communities throughout the area affected by the project, that is, the sector where the exploitation or exploration will be carried out and those areas that will be affected by the dispersion plume generated by the same activity.</i></p>
Annex IV.3.6	<p>3.6 Decommissioning and closure Describe the steps that will occur when the mining operation is completed or in the event of an emergency, including the decommissioning of offshore infrastructure, under a Closure Plan.</p> <p><i>The rationale is based on the fact that the closure can not only be the product of the completion of the mining operation once it has been completed, but also the closure can be a measure to be taken after an emergency.</i></p>
Annex IV.5	<p>5 Description of the existing biological environment</p> <p>Give a detailed account of knowledge of the biological communities and ecosystem functions in the Impact Area, including information from a thorough literature review and baseline data collected, in accordance with the Regulations. The description of the site</p>

should be divided by depth regime (surface, midwater and benthic, where appropriate) or otherwise as indicated in the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and provide a description of the various biological components and communities that are present in or utilize the area. The detail in this section is expected to be based on a prior environmental risk assessment that will have identified ~~the main impacts~~, and thus the elements that need to be emphasized in the environmental impact assessment.

It is suggested near the end of the paragraph to delete “the main impacts”. Since we consider that in a changing marine environment, subjected to multiple pressures, the impacts that, being considered minor, should not be underestimated, as a whole they can be cumulative or synergistic impacts.

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