

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:

COUNCIL - PART 3

Informal Working Group - Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

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: Republic of Costa Rica

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

Annex - VII Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

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.

1. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan prepared under these regulations and this annex VII shall be:

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(b) Verified by the report of independent competent persons appointed by the Authority.

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2. An Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall contain:

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(o) ~~Details of Mining Discharges, including a waste assessment and prevention audit~~ Details of discharges, as defined by relevant IMO conventions, within the project

area;

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

- For paragraph 1 (b), regarding independent competent persons, the same term is used in various places in the Regulations. We recall, hopefully correctly, that Jamaica made a submission previous to this session, that there could be provisions added to the Regulations - a new Annex perhaps - that would more precisely set out a process for identification and selection of competent independent experts. We would support that proposal in the interests of ensuring accountability and transparency about use of experts. It should also help ensure that there is collective understanding about the meaning and process behind the use of ‘independent competent persons’ each time this phrase appears in the regulations.

- For paragraph 2 (o), It would be helpful to have a better understanding of the intent behind this deletion as it seems to limit the analysis to vessel discharges not related to exploitation activities (sewage, food dumping) and only to discharges occurring in the project area.