

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

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**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.**

3. No application for the approval of a plan of work for exploitation shall be considered~~Exploitation activities in the Area shall not commence~~ until the Council has adopted the regulations and all relevant standards and guidelines referred to in the regulations. ~~legal framework intended for the effective protection and preservation of the Marine Environment is adopted and scientific evidence demonstrates that the Exploitation activities are conducted in such a manner as not to cause significant and harmful changes to the Marine Environment and its resources and to effectively protect and preserve the Marine Environment pursuant to article 145 and Part XII of UNCLOS.~~

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

We followed the comments that were made at the last meeting where there was broad agreement on the need to have a common understanding, but also to not limit the matter to solely environmental considerations. Hence, we propose retaining paragraph 3 but rewording it to make reference to the need to have a complete system for exploitation in place, including all relevant Standards and Guidelines, before considering a plan of work. This also opens up the possibility for the Council to take a decision to adopt the regulations at a particular time but to set its entry into force at a later point in time in future.