

**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:

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

The Republic of Korea

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

Regulation 2, paragraph 4 (iii)

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.(iii) Ecosystem-~~based management~~-~~approach~~.

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

We propose to replace the ecosystem approach to the ecosystem-based management. This is because the latter is a more accurate term to be used in the exploitation Code. The effective protection of the deep sea environment from harmful effect aroused from exploitation activities shall be achieved by adopting appropriate rules, regulations and procedures for the prevention, reduction and control of pollution and other hazards to the marine environment, and the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the Area and the prevention of damage to the flora and fauna of the marine environment (Article 145). Those rules, regulations and procedures provide provisions to manage the seabed activities only and the jurisdiction of the ISA is limited to organize and control activities in the Area (Article 157). The ecosystem approach is defined in relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity, as “a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way.”(See COP7 Decision VII/II.) It seems that this principle requires the ISA to involve in broader functions than ones given to it under the Convention. On the

other hand, the ecosystem-based management can be defined as the organization and control of human activities based on holistic understanding of the ecosystem and its linkages. It seems more suitable for this principle to be applied to the management of the exploitation activities.