

**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:** Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

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

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

Annex VIII: Closure Plan

**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.**

1. The Closure Plan shall be prepared and implemented in accordance with the Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines and the relevant regional environmental management plan and shall include the following information:

(a) A description of the closure objectives and how these relate to the mining activity and its environmental, socioeconomic and ~~social~~sociocultural setting

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

The FSM proposes expanding the reference to “social setting” in paragraph 1(a) of Annex VIII to reflect socioeconomic and sociocultural elements, in line with similar language in, e.g., Annex IV on the EIS template.