

**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:**  
Institutional Working Group
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**  
The Ocean Foundation, Observer
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 3, Duty to Cooperate

All references to Marine Environment.

- 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.**

Regulation 3 (d)

Alt. 1. The Authority shall consult and cooperate with sponsoring States, relevant adjacent coastal states, flag States, port states, states where Contractors have significant financial ties (including but not limited to states where Contractors are headquartered or those where they are listed on a stock exchange) competent international organizations and other relevant bodies as appropriate, to develop measures to implement these regulations, including to:

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

DR 3(d) Important data or records might be stored in a jurisdiction outside the control of the sponsoring State, or there may be other circumstances that require cooperation. This relates to effective control.

There are many references to the Marine Environment. We have suggested to the Environmental Working Group that once Marine Environment is defined in the Schedule, the definition include Underwater Cultural Heritage. If the definition of Marine Environment does not include Underwater Cultural Heritage, we would suggest a textual change: each time Marine Environment is mentioned, as “and Underwater Cultural Heritage.”