

**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:

Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

Annex VII

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.

The facilitators’ proposed amendments are reflected in **red**.

Our proposed amendments and our questions or comments regarding the facilitator’s remarks are indicated as in-line edits in **blue**. Where we propose deletions of the facilitator’s text this is shown **in strikethrough and bold**.

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

Regarding paragraph 1b, the term independent competent persons 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

Regarding paragraph 2o, 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.