

**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: Plenary - President's Text

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.

Preamble

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.

In accordance with the Convention, the Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind, and the Exploitation of the resources of the Area shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, on whose behalf the Authority acts.

The objective of these regulations is therefore to provide for the Exploitation of the resources of the Area consistent with the Convention, including the duty to ensure effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects caused by those activities.

The Regulations also take into account the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda, as adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in September 2015 (resolution 70/1)

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

While we welcome clearer references to Article 145 and the duty to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment, we wonder if the preamble should conform more closely with the Exploration Regulations (as proposed above). The current language reads more like the preamble to a treaty than the introduction to a regulatory instrument, and the use of incomplete sentences seems unhelpful.