

**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:**

IWG Environment

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

United Kingdom

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

Annex III bis Scoping Report

**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.**

(c) Summary of existing environmental baseline studies, including a description of methodology for collecting and analyzing the baseline data,

(c)bis "summary of gaps in environmental baseline including description of methodology for collecting and analyzing additional baseline data to inform the EIA"

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

The UK supports the addition of this Annex outlining the template for a Scoping report but suggests it should refer to identifying other users of the sea and seabed for inclusion in a cumulative impact assessment. It should also make clear in **1(c)** that this summary is based on existing data and that any gaps should be identified with details on how such gaps are going to be filled. We therefore propose **(c)bis** above to reflect this.

More generally, we also suggest that the requirement for a Scoping Report to be submitted, as per the chapeau in this Annex, needs to be added to DR 46bis on EIAs as it currently only lays out the scoping process without requiring a report. Furthermore, we should ensure the requirements in this annex align with the scoping content of the draft Standards and Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessments.