

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART I**

*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:**

Argentina

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

Regulation 44

**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 44

General obligations

(...)

(i) Apply the precautionary approach ~~principle~~ as reflected in principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the ecosystem-based management approach to the assessment and management and prevention of risk of harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

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

Argentina supports the language in Par. (i) that refers to “precautionary approach” and “ecosystem-based management approach”. There’s no international agreement regarding the legal nature of the “precaution”. For that reason, the language already agreed at the multilateral level in the Rio Declaration should be maintained (“precautionary approach”).