

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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:**

Informal Working Group on the protection and preservation of the marine environment

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

Australia and Canada

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

Regulation 46Bis, 3 (a)

**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.**

3. In addition to the Environmental Impact Statement required for an application for a plan of work pursuant to Regulation 7(3)(d), a Contractor must conduct a new Environmental Impact Assessment and submit a new or revised Environmental Impact Statement when:

(a) A Material Change to an existing Plan of Work is proposed which is likely to increase the adverse Environmental Effects caused by the activities, or when a Material Change in the Marine Environment is detected through monitoring or other data sources which would call for a new or reviewed Environmental Impact Statement;

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

This subparagraph does not take into consideration a Material Change to the environment, which may happen for unexpected reasons as a direct or indirect consequence to the activities. The suggested revision reflects this as a possibility and provides examples of potential detection methods of the Material Change.