

**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:**

Canada

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

Regulation 51 (a) & (b)

**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.**

- (a) Monitor continuously in accordance with the applicable Standard, release monitoring data publicly, in an accessible format consistent with best scientific practice, ~~in real time or at least~~ on a monthly basis and report annually under regulation 38 (2) (g) on the Environmental Effects of its activities on the Marine Environment, including a comparison between baseline data and monitoring data to document the actual effects on the Marine Environment and manage all such effects as an integral part of its Exploitation activities as set out in the relevant Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines referred to in regulation 45;
- (b) ~~Apply best endeavours to improve~~ ~~Implement all applicable~~ ~~Implement all applicable m~~ Mitigation and management measures to ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects, as set out in the relevant Standards and taking into account relevant Guidelines referred to in regulation 45; and

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

This text in (a) has been suggested to retain consistency with the language used in previously discussed text under 46ter paragraph 4. Some contractors have already shown ability to share monitoring data in near real time. Including this language in the text will also increase ambition for contractors to share monitoring data quicker to the public. Canada proposes the deletion of “apply best endeavours to improve” suggestion, and would prefer to retain the original language in this paragraph. Ensuring the effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects is a requirement for contractors, and all applicable mitigation and management measures to provide this level of protection should be implemented.

