

**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.

1. Name of Working Group:

Protection and preservation of the marine environment

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

Norway

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

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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

1bis. The Secretary-General shall make the final Closure Plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) available on the Authority’s website ~~for a period of at least 60 days~~ and invite members of the Authority and Stakeholders to submit comments in writing within 90 days.

2. The Commission shall examine the final Closure Plan and any comments received pursuant to paragraph (1)bis and revisions and responses made pursuant to paragraph 1ter at its next meeting, provided that these have been circulated at least 60 Days in advance of the meeting. ~~The Commission should, where necessary and appropriate to ensure sufficient technical expertise, consult external experts, identified in accordance with Annex VI, to evaluate the final Closure Plan.~~

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

- The Final Closure plan should be permanently available. The comment period should be 90 days.
- The Commission has the necessary opportunity to engage with external experts, where deemed necessary. The Council should refrain from micromanaging the Commission.