

**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:

Environment

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

Italy

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

DR 46 bis paragraph 1 ter (c)

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.

1 ter. The purpose of an environmental impact assessment under these regulations shall be to predict environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed activities, to enable the Authority to assess the potential adverse Environmental Effects, with the aim to:

[...]

(a) ~~Avoid Prevent~~ Serious Harm to the Marine Environment arising out of the proposed activities.

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

Italy would prefer the term “Avoid Serious Harm to the Marine Environment”. Indeed, while prevention is a general goal of all activities in deep sea, the specific purpose of an EIA should be to "avoid serious harm".