

**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:

Informal Working Group – Environment.

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

Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. and Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd.

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

Draft Reg. 45(2).

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.

~~2. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the environmental Standards have been adopted.~~

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

- The Commission has diligently prepared draft environmental Standards and Guidelines (S&Gs) based on the existing text of the Draft Regulations, and we support the Council’s recent decision to include indicators and thresholds in those S&Gs.
- We fully support the development of S&Gs but consider that the inclusion of DR45(2) unnecessary as Council has already outlined a process for developing and adopting S&Gs.
- In this regard, we propose that the Council remind the Commission of its previous decisions and direct the Commission to commence the preparation of Phase Two Standards (including environmental Standards) immediately.
- We also note that it is not clear on what are the environmental Standards that must be in place, and this should be made clear to the Commission.