

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

President's text

**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.**

**Reasonable regard for other activities and structures in the Marine Environment**

1. Contractors shall, [] [taking into account] the relevant Guidelines, carry out exploitation under an exploitation contract with reasonable regard for other activities and structures in the Marine Environment, [including but not limited to submarine cables and pipelines in the Contract Area, fishing activities and other activities], in accordance with article 147 of the Convention and the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, [Regional Environmental Management Plan] and Closure Plan ~~[-]. In particular, each Contractor shall exercise [] [reasonable regard] to ensure that it does not cause damage to submarine cables or pipelines in the Contract Area [or structures deriving from other marine uses] [should carry out Exploitation activities with reasonable regard to submarine cables or pipelines so as to avoid destroying or damaging them].~~

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

- Norway prefers alternative 1. We have no strong preference as to specific wording, but it must be made clear that the Contractor shall have reasonable regard for other activities *and structures*, hereunder submarine cables and pipelines. This could either be done by including "and structures" in the first sentence, or by keeping it separate 1) reasonable regard to other activities, as well as 2) reasonable regard to other uses of ME, including but not limited to submarine cables and pipelines.
- Norway supports the **2. Alt.** on the Authority's and members states facilitating of early-stage coordination between the Contractors and other users of the ME.