

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.

The facilitators' proposed amendments are reflected in **red**.

Pew's proposed amendments and our questions or comments regarding the facilitator's remarks are indicated as in-line edits in **blue**. Where we propose deletions of the facilitator's text this is shown ~~in **strikethrough and bold**~~.

1. Name of Working Group:

IWG Environment

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

Pew Charitable Trusts

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

Annex VII

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.

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

Regarding paragraph 1b, the term independent competent persons is used in various places in the Regulations. We propose adding provisions to the Regulations - in a new Annex perhaps - that more precisely sets out a process for identification and selection of competent independent experts. It would also help ensure that there is collective understanding about the meaning and process behind the use of 'independent competent persons' each time this phrase appears in the regulations.

Regarding paragraph 2(o), it would be helpful to have a better understanding of the intent behind this deletion as it seems to limit the analysis to vessel discharges not related to exploitation activities (sewage, food dumping) and only to discharges occurring in the project area.