

**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:**

IWG Environment

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 45

**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. The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, develop Environmental Standards and Guidelines in accordance with regulations 94 and 95 and shall include, inter alia, the following subject matters ~~aimed at ensuring a Contractor does not cause Serious Harm to the Marine Environment:~~

(a) Environmental quality objectives, indicators and thresholds, including but not limited to ecosystem, structures, functions and services, biodiversity status, water chemistry and plume characteristics (in particular, composition and characteristics of dissolved and suspended matter, plume, dispersion and dilution, toxicity, composition, water chemistry, as well as sedimentation rates), and light and noise emissions. This also includes baseline data collection, as well as all available data on the marine ecosystems and biodiversity.

(c) Mitigation measures of harmful effects to the marine environment, and where possible, remediation, restoration and rehabilitation or if restoration and rehabilitation are impossible, compensation of environmental harm, thereby following the mitigation hierarchy of avoid, minimize, remediate

(h) Procedural and substantive requirements relating to submissions required by these regulations, including but not limited to: Plans of Work, Environmental Management Systems, Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements, ~~and~~ Environmental Management and Monitoring Plans, Closure Plans, Emergency Response and Contingency Plans, Health and Safety Plans, and Maritime Security Plans.

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]**

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