

**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:

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. 47

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. An applicant or Contractor, ~~as the case may be,~~ shall prepare, ~~or commission the preparation of,~~ an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation, and in consultation with Stakeholders throughout the environmental impact assessment process, for approval by the Authority within the framework of the consideration and approval of ~~the a work p~~Plan of Work/Material Change of the Plan of work or in other cases prescribed the Authority.

3. The Environmental Impact Statement must be in the form and entail the contents as prescribed by the Authority in annex IV to these regulations and shall:

(a) Include a prior Environmental Risk Assessment prepared during the environmental impact assessment scoping phase, and revisited and updated as the environmental impact assessment proceeds;

(b) Describe the results of the environmental impact assessment; ~~as well as those of the survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage;~~ including a description of the methodology used for the identification and evaluation of the identified environmental impacts, and main uncertainties and knowledge gaps, and also include comments received through the Stakeholder consultation process and explain how each comment has been incorporated or otherwise addressed ;

(b)bis Refer to the relevant environmental baseline data ~~on the status of the marine environment,~~ collected according to the relevant Standard and taking into account relevant Guidelines, and the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and to the results of the performed test mining study, where applicable;

(c) Identify substantive comments received through the Stakeholder consultation process and an explanation of how such comments have been taken into account and addressed by the applicant or Contractor, as the case may be;

~~(d), also i~~ Including a description of the analysis of alternatives, including a no-action alternative;

- (~~e~~) Be in accordance with the objectives and measures of the applicable ~~R~~regional ~~E~~environmental ~~M~~management ~~P~~plan-; and
- (~~e~~f) Be prepared in accordance with the relevant Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines, consistent with, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Techniques ~~and taking into account the relevant Guidelines~~.
4. The Environmental Impact Statement shall demonstrate that the proposed ~~Exploitation activities~~ is in accordance with all applicable environmental Standards and with the ~~requirements of the~~ applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan

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