

**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:

Marine Environment

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

African Group

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.

4. The Contractor shall report annually in writing, in accordance with these regulations, to the Secretary-General on the implementation and results of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and the environmental-monitoring programme plan referred to in paragraph 2, in accordance with regulation 38, paragraph 2(g). The Secretary- General shall transmit annual reports to the Commission for its consideration pursuant to article 165 of the Convention and publish them pursuant to Regulation 38(3).

~~4bis The Secretary-General shall release publicly, in an accessible format, real time or at monthly intervals, consistent with best scientific practices, environmental data and information in the required standardized format, and in accordance with the applicable Standards, and taking into account the applicable Guidelines. Other monitoring data, pertaining for example to monitored variations in geochemistry or fauna, shall be released annually in the form of a written report.~~

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

Regarding para 4, there seems to be two different objectives being discussed, one being the annual report and the other being public release of data. We propose that para 4 is split into two paras with a 4 bis to be created to cover the release of environmental data and information and keep para 4 to the annual report only.