

**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:**

**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.**

**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.**

~~(b) Be based on 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 main elements of the methodology used for the identification and evaluation of the identified environmental impacts, and main uncertainties and knowledge gaps, and also Identify include comments received through the public Stakeholder consultation on the environmental impact assessment process and explain how such each comments have been incorporated or otherwise addressed considered they have been addressed;~~

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

Regarding 3(b), we feel that the reference to a survey of the seabed to identify cultural heritage is misplaced in this sub para. This information is covered in sub para (b)bis, that refers to the baseline data and status of the Marine Environment. We therefore suggest removal of the reference to Underwater Cultural Heritage.

There also appears to be significant overlap regarding stakeholder consultation in sub para (b) and (c). We anticipate that this will be cleared up with the informal group discussing Standardisation of Stakeholder consultation.