#### 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 <u>council@isa.org.jm</u>.

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 provide information in its annual report on the implementation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan in accordance with regulations 38, paragraph 2(g), and 46ter, paragraph 4<del>3</del>, for evaluation by the Legal and Technical Commission, as well as publicly release, in an accessible format, consistent with Best Scientific Practices monitoring data and information at a regular basis to be determined in each project. Other monitoring data, for example pertaining 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]

**para 4,** the AG does not support the inclusion of the final sentence which states: *"Other monitoring data, for example pertaining to monitored variations in geochemistry or fauna, shall be released annually in the form of a written report."* We are unclear on how 'other monitoring data' will be decided/defined, and posit that all data should be in a accessible format and therefore propose this sentence to be deleted.