

**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 53**

**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.**

2. The Authority shall facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information and experience relating to incidents between Contractors and States, and shall draw on the advice of other relevant international organizations, so that such knowledge and information can be used to prevent reduce and control pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment by:

a) Contractors to meet their requirements, inter alia under regulation 53(1), and by

b) the Authority to prepare and revise relevant Standards and Guidelines ~~where appropriate,~~ and to develop and disseminate other appropriate materials.

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

para 2 of regulation 53, the AG feels that the inclusion of sub-para a and b, limits the exchange of knowledge. Learning from such incidents is vital to the ongoing sustainability of the industry and improved management measures. We would anticipate that the sharing of knowledge would benefit from other methodologies such as the creation of Case studies and their disbursement via webinars/ side events at the Authority’s meetings. The list in the regulation does not need to include all possible mechanisms, but should not impose limits.