

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Federal Republic of Germany

**2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Draft Regulation 45

**Green text** is in original draft; **blue text** indicates Germany's textual proposals

**3. 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.**

**Regulation 45**

**Development of environmental Standards and Guidelines**

1. Environmental Standards and Guidelines developed under this regulation shall ~~have the aim to~~ ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects, in accordance with Article 145 of the Convention.

2. The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, adopt Environmental Standards in accordance with regulation 94, inter alia on the following subject matters:

(a) Baseline investigations;

(b) Environmental quality objectives;

(c) Indicators and quantitative environmental thresholds, including but not limited to:

(i) biodiversity status and ecosystem structures, functions and services;

(ii) sediment plume properties such as dispersion and dilution, resettlement, temperature, toxicity and composition;

(iii) water chemistry and temperature;

(iv) light emissions;

(v) noise and vibrations emissions and

(vi) habitat removal.

(d) Monitoring procedures

(e) Mitigation measures;

(f) Technical requirements for environment protection with regard to the equipment used for the Exploitation activities and

(g) Assessment of accidental events and natural hazards leading to environmental emergencies as well as environmentally hazardous discharges and residual effects of such emergencies, including preparation and implementation of emergency response and contingency plans.

(h) Procedural and substantive requirements relating to submissions or reports required by these regulations, including but not limited to: Plans of Work, Environmental Management Systems, Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Risk Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Management and Monitoring Plans and Closure Plans.

3. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the Environmental Standards have been adopted.

4. In addition to the Environmental Standards, Guidelines on environmental matters may be developed, in accordance with regulation 95.

5. Environmental Standards and Guidelines shall be regularly reviewed and updated in response to advancements in scientific knowledge and experience.

#### **4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**

GER supports this version as proposed by the intersessional group. We suggest, however, a clarifying deletion in Para 1.