

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

*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:** Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Federated States of Micronesia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Draft exploitation regulation 46bis(5)

- 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.**

5. In implementing paragraph 1, the Sponsoring State and Contractor shall consult, with any adjacent coastal States, including those across whose limits of national jurisdiction resource deposits in the Area also lie, with a view to avoiding infringement of their rights and legitimate interests, in accordance with Regulation 4.

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

Micronesia proposes the text above to clarify that all adjacent coastal States have rights and legitimate interests in the context of paragraph 1, not just those across whose national jurisdiction limits resources deposits in the Area lie. Micronesia notes, however, that there are ongoing discussions in an intersessional working group on coastal States that might update this paragraph in a different manner. We will engage with that update if it deviates from Micronesia’s proposal above.