

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

*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:**

Informal Working Group – Environment.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation. 47(2)(e) & 47(bis(2)(e)

**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.**

Regulation. 47(2)(e)

~~(e) Be subject to an independent scientific assessment prior to the submission of the proposed Environmental Impact Statement to the Authority,~~

Regulation 47(bis(2)(e)

a) Ensure that the proposed activities are carried out in accordance with the Rules of the Authority, ~~general International Law, including the Convention and the applicable Standards~~ and taking into account the ~~relevant applicable~~ Guidelines as well as, Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Information], Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques

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

We do not agree, consistent with comments made on draft regulation 46ter ((3bis), with the reference to “independent scientific assessment” which overlaps with the mandate of the Commission. Equally, paragraph 2(b) already requires that the EIA be carried out by qualified, independent experts.

We proposed the deletion of general international law as a vague and unclear in the context of these regulations.