

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

**Informal Working Group on protection and preservation of the marine environment**

*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 on protection and preservation of the marine environment

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

China

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

Regulation 44 bis

**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.**

**\*Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

Support retaining the content of Article 2

2. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Agreement.

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

At present, the Authority has not adopted the Regional Environmental Management Plans in all regions, and the Exploitation Regulations do not mention how contractors can equally enter the exploitation phase in regions without REMP. It is inconsistent with the principles of equal rights and non-discrimination as required by the UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement. The consideration of the work plan should not be postponed in the absence of a Regional Environmental Management Plan.