

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

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 47

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**

2.The Environmental Impact Assessment Process shall:

(c) Include an environmental risk assessment and ~~a survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage~~, that takes into consideration the region as a whole taking into account the objectives and measures of the relevant and applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan,.

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

In accordance with Article 149 of the UNCLOS, all archaeological and historical objects found by Contractors in the course of its operations shall be preserved or disposed of for the benefit of mankind as a whole. The initiative to "a survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage" exceeds the requirements of the contractor under the UNCLOS and is suggested to be deleted.