

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<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 47ter

**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**

4. An environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report shall include the following:

(c)A description of what is known about the environmental setting, ~~including~~  
~~Underwater Cultural Heritage~~, for the project (Contract Area and regional setting).

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

On the one hand, the expression expands the definition of "Marine Environment" to include Underwater Cultural Heritage, which goes beyond the scope of people's understanding of marine environment. On the other hand, there is no legal basis for requiring contractors to assume obligations beyond those provided for in the UNCLOS. It should be deleted.