

**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 48

**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**

~~3(g) Be peer reviewed by competent independent experts, before submission and include a description of the experts, their qualifications, and the results of their review.~~

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

The Contractor's Environmental Impact Statement shall be submitted to LTC for consideration and a decision will be taken by LTC. The requirement for peer review by independent experts prior to consideration by LTC makes no sense. If an independent expert is required to participate in the deliberation process, it shall be decided by the LTC.