

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

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

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2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

44(1)(c)

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(c) In taking all necessary measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment and its ecosystem structure, function and resilience, including the adjacent coastlines, and of interference with the ecological balance of the Marine Environment which includes ecosystem integrity arising from its Exploitation in the Area, the Enterprise and Contractors shall [implement, mutatis mutandis, the measures set out under paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) above and] demonstrate accountability and transparency in the assessment, evaluation and management of Environmental Effects and risks from Exploitation, including through Stakeholder participation and the prompt public release of environmental data and information on their respective activities at regular intervals and in an accessible format consistent with best scientific practices and the need for sufficient information. In so doing, the Enterprise and Contractors shall apply a priority order to avoid, minimize, Mitigate, remediate, and restore harm to the Marine environment and adapt the necessary measures according to obtained information and sufficient data and information.

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(a) Apply the precautionary approach, and apply [the] [an] ecosystem-based [management] approach to the assessment and management of risk of harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

(b) Apply the Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices and ensure the availability of sufficient information;

(c) Integrate Best Available Scientific information in decision making, including all risk assessments and management undertaken in connection with environmental assessments, acknowledging knowledge gaps and uncertainties and the management and response measures taken under or in accordance with Best Environmental Practices and the need for sufficient information; and

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