

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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:

IWG ENV

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

DR 49

Red bold text indicate Germany's textual proposals

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.

Regulation 49 alt (Pollution Control)

1. A Contractor shall take all the necessary and appropriate measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment and coastlines from harmful effects, in accordance with Article 145 of the Convention, by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including marine litter and underwater noise, from its activities in the Area. This is to be done in accordance with its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all relevant Rules of the Authority, the relevant applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, taking account of the applicable Guidelines.

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

- We thank the facilitator and the intersessional working group on underwater cultural heritage for their work on this regulation. We are happy to work on the basis of the proposed Reg 49 alt. We suggest, however, that the words *from harmful effects* are reinstated after “protect and preserve the Marine Environment”, in line with the wording of

Article 145, an explicit reference to which we here support too, as suggested by the facilitator.

- We support retaining the word “necessary” in the first line of Paragraph 1, so that all necessary measures are taken.
- As stated in previous discussions, we also support the addition of “including marine litter and underwater noise”, to underline that here, these pressures are explicitly included in the term *pollution*, which is not always the case.
- Finally, we support the additions inserted in the remaining text, referring to the applicable REMP, Standards and Guidelines and the EEMP.