

**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:

President's Text

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.

Preamble

Red text is in original draft; **blue text** indicates 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.

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 ("the Convention") ~~and the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 ("the Agreement")~~, the Area and its resources are the common heritage of humankind, and the ~~Exploration and~~ Exploitation of the resources of the Area shall be carried out for the benefit of humankind as a whole, on whose behalf the Authority acts.

The objective of these regulations is therefore to ~~regulate~~ the Exploitation of the resources of the Area consistent with the Convention, including the duty ~~to take necessary measures in accordance with the Convention~~ to ensure effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects caused by those activities.

The Authority acknowledges the current uncertainties and limited knowledge about deep ocean ecosystems and the potential effects of activities in the Area and the need to revise these regulations in light of advancements in scientific knowledge.

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

- Para 1: Germany supports the suggested changes to paragraph 1.

- Para 2: Germany supports the use of “regulate” in the first sentence but suggests deleting the other bracketed text as superfluous, given paragraph 1 already references the Convention.
- Germany also suggests adding a third paragraph with a reference to the need to view the Mining Code as dynamic and subject to amendments in light of evolving scientific knowledge. This speaks to the fact that we are trying to regulate a future industry in a situation of significant scientific uncertainty.