

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

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:** Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Federated States of Micronesia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Draft Annex IV, Part 4.3

- 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.**

4.3 Describe any prior research/Exploration studies (including methods used for completing the studies based on Best Available ~~Science using Best Available~~ Techniques) that could provide relevant information for this Environmental Impact Statement. This research should be detailed in the appendices or in reports attached to the appendices

- 5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]**
As Part 4.3 of Annex IV is referring to methods for completing studies, Micronesia proposes reverting to the original formulation of “Best Available Techniques”.