

**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.**

Schedule on the Use of Terms

- 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.**

“Ecosystem Approach” means a comprehensive, integrated approach to the management of human activities based on the Best Available Scientific [Information Evidence] and, where available, relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities that accounts for marine ecosystems and their dynamics, in order to achieve ecosystems’ conservation and sustainable use of, and the avoidance of interference with, the ecological balance of the marine environment.

“Serious Harm” means any effect from activities in the Area on the Marine Environment which represents a[n [unlawful]] significant adverse change in the Marine Environment determined according to the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority on the basis of internationally recognized standards and practices informed by Best Available Scientific [Evidence] [Information] and, where available, relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

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

If either proposed definitions for “Ecosystem Approach” and “Serious Harm” is to be retained for the exploitation regulations, then Micronesia proposes amending each definition to include a reference to the available and relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as a complement to Best Available Scientific Evidence/Information.