

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING 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:

IWG Environment

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

Norway

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

Regulation 48 alt.

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.

2. The Environmental Impact Statement shall document and report the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment carried out in accordance with Regulation 47ter and shall provide the International Seabed Authority, its member States and other Stakeholders with unambiguous documentation of the potential Environmental Effects based on the Best Available Scientific Information, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, and Good Industry Practice ~~on which the Authority can base its decision, and any subsequent approval that may be granted.~~

3. The Environmental Impact Statement shall be in a form prescribed by the Authority in the relevant Standard and in accordance with the relevant Guideline, and shall:

3 (e) ~~Be peer reviewed by competent independent experts, before submission.~~

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

Norway suggests deleting the last part of paragraph 2 in order to make the sentence coherent.

We suggest adding “and shall” at the chapeau of paragraph 3 for the same reason.

Further, Norway suggests deleting subparagraph 3 (e). We do not see the need for an independent review when the EIS will be subject to public consultation and review by the Commission. The Contractor is responsible for the content and basis for its EIS and must ensure that the relevant expertise and competence is involved in its development. Requiring such an additional review by external actors risks shifting the responsibility for the EIS from the Contractor to the independent reviewer.