

**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:

Institutional matters

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

Norway

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

Regulation 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.

(d) The Authority shall consult and, where relevant cooperate, with sponsoring States, ~~[relevant] coastal States [contiguous/adjacent/proximate to the Contract Area], port States,~~ flag States, competent international organizations ~~[and other relevant bodies as appropriate],~~ to develop measures to implement these regulations, including to:

(e) Contractors, the Enterprise, sponsoring States and members of the Authority shall cooperate with the Authority in the establishment and implementation of programmes to observe, measure, evaluate and analyse the impacts of Exploitation ~~and related activities~~ on the Marine Environment including at the regional scale, to share the findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination and to extend such cooperation and collaboration to the implementation and further development of Best Environmental Practices in connection with activities in the Area;

~~(h) The Council shall, taking into account recommendations by the Commission, adopt Standards and Guidelines [concerning the duties mentioned in paras. (c) to (g)] which establish requirements, obligations and procedural arrangements, including standardized data templates and methodology for data collection and analysis [within three years after the adoption of these regulations or before any Commercial Production commences, whichever takes place first].~~

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

Paragraph d: the issue of coastal states is covered in DR4 and importantly in the new proposed DR on consultations with coastal states particularly, and we should avoid duplication.

It is unclear what the term “other relevant bodies as appropriate” is meant to cover in addition to “competent international organizations”.

Paragraph e: it is not sufficiently clear what the term “and related activities” refers to and how the relevant actors are supposed to establish and implement programmes to monitor impacts of such “related activities”.

Paragraphs f and g need further consideration, as also noted by the facilitator.

Paragraph h: Norway questions the scope and utility of these proposals and suggests deleting them for now.