

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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:

Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

Annex VIII

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.

- **Red font** are proposed amendments by the Facilitator in this revised text.
- Our proposed amendments and our questions or comments regarding the facilitator’s remarks are indicated as in-line edits in **blue**. Proposed deletions of text proposed by the facilitator appears in strikethrough and **bold**.

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

As mentioned in our submission on the regulations concerning closure (59-61), there needs to be a separate part of the Closure Plan, described in this Annex that relates specifically to contractor obligations during a temporary suspension. This is because the Regulations require the Contractor to implement the Closure Plan in the event of a temporary suspension in some instances. Our understanding that this will mean applying interim monitoring and management measures and objectives (not commencing closure, given the suspension is temporary with an expectation of activities recommencing). As such we would like to see a new ‘temporary suspension’ section in this Annex, so that contractors and all stakeholders are clear what the obligations are during suspension situations.