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

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Informal Working Group – Environment.

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Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

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Regulation 48 bis alt.

New Environmental Impact Assessment and Revised additional Environmental Impact Statement

1.A Contractor shall conduct a new Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with regulation 47ter and submit an additional revised Environmental Impact Statement <u>when where</u>:

[...]

- (d) A relevant Standard, activity or-predicted <u>significant</u> impact has not already been addressed by an Environmental Impact Statement, or
- (e) Otherwise deemed necessary by the Commission or Council, in accordance with applicable Standards and taking into account Guidelines.

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

- We propose textual changes to Draft Regulation 48bis alt for clarity and consistency.
- We also propose to insert "significant" in Draft Regulation 48bis alt (1)(d) to ensure there is a level of materiality that has to be reached that justifies a new EIA being done.

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Regulation 48 bis

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- Consistent with our earlier written submissions, we propose deleting Draft Regulation 48 bis as it is unnecessary and duplicative.
- The Draft Regulations already cover the situations where new Environmental Plans,
 Assessments or Statements might be needed (particularly where a Material Change
 occurs). There is no need to replicate those requirements in a separate regulation
 and doing so may introduce inconsistencies or ambiguities.