

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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:

Environmental

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 47alt

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.

1. An applicant or Contractor shall carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on the potential impacts and effects on the Marine Environment of the proposed operations and activities.

2.

(e) Ensure that the proposed activities are carried out in accordance with the Convention, the Agreement, the Rules of the Authority, ~~general International Law,~~ including the Convention and the applicable Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines as well as, Best Available Scientific Information, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques

3.

(b) Be carried out by qualified, ~~independent~~ experts,

(b)bis Be based on the best available science and scientific information, and if applicable, where available, taking into account relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

(c) Include an environmental risk assessment ~~and a survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage~~, that takes into consideration the region as a whole taking into account the objectives and measures of the relevant and applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan,

4. (b)

(i) An update to the environmental risk assessment, as developed during scoping, describing the likely impacts on the marine environment and objects of an archaeological and historical nature~~Underwater Cultural Heritage~~ and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects of the Exploitation including residual impacts, also considering cumulative ~~impacts~~effects, including existing and foreseen mining operations, other activities and natural phenomena.

(ii) An evaluation of ~~significant and~~ harmful effects on the environment and ecosystem services, founded on scientific-based approach, including~~on~~ clear and transparent assessment criteria and a robust evidence base, applying using bBest ~~a~~Aavailable ~~science and s~~Scientific information;

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

We prefer Reg. 47alt with suggested changes

1, 4(b)(i): there is a difference between Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects

4(b)(i): we prefer to follow the language of the UNCLOS