

**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: IM.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 2(3 alt 1 and 3alt 2)

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.

~~[3 alt 1. Exploitation shall not be authorized in the Area unless, inter alia, phase one and two Standards and Guidelines are adopted, and effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects can be ensured consistent with Article 145 of the Convention [and including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity][and effective protection of human life in accordance with Article 146 of the Convention].~~

~~————— [3 alt 2. Exploitation in the Area shall not commence until:~~

~~(a) the legal framework intended for the effective protection and preservation of the Marine Environment has entered into force [and the Authority has adopted an environmental policy];~~

~~(b) the implementation of [Target 3 of] the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is well on track in the area beyond national jurisdiction; and~~

~~(c) scientific evidence demonstrates that Exploitation will be conducted in such a manner so as not to cause significant and harmful changes to the Marine Environment and its resources, to effectively protect and preserve the Marine Environment pursuant to article 145 and Part XII of UNCLOS [including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity], and not to impede the full implementation of [Target 3 of] the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in the area beyond national jurisdiction.~~

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

We do not support the text proposed in 3alt1 and 3alt2. Matters relating to environmental standards are adequately addressed in regulation 45. As to paragraph 3alt2, components such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework would be more suitably addressed in a general environment policy to be adopted by the Authority. These regulations are principally to regulate the relationship between the Authority and a contractor.