TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27^{TH} SESSION: COUNCIL - PART II

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

African Group, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Micronesia, Norway, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago.

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

Reg 44bis Alt 1

3. 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.

Alt 1

An application for a Plan of Work shall not be considered by the Commission shall only consider an application for a Plan of Work if until and unless a Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted by the Council for the particular area concerned. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Implementing Agreement.

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

- The LTC should only consider a Plan of Work once a REMP is in place for the relevant area.
- The text was simplified and put in the active form.
- The latter part is deleted as unnecessary; it was also not clear who was the subject of the obligation of prioritizing the drafting of a REMP where inexistent.