

**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.im.

1. Name of Working Group:

Informal Working Group on Environment

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

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

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

Annex IV, Executive Summary, paragraph (c)

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.

Annex IV [IWG ENV]

Environmental Impact Statement

[...]

Executive summary

One of the main objectives of the executive summary is to provide an overview of the project and a summary of the content of the Environmental Impact Statement for non-technical readers. Information provided in the executive summary should include:

[...]

(c) A description of anticipated and cumulative, risks and impacts of the activity, as assessed by experts, (including, but not limited to, oceanographic, geological, biological, socioeconomic and sociocultural) including the expected spatial extent and duration of impacts and cumulative impacts in relation to the identified baselines, and the expected recovery rates of the system ~~to its original state~~;

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

- As with any extractive industry, it is not reasonable to expect the recovery of all systems back to their original state. Given the timeframes involved in the formation of nodules, it is not possible for the system in the short or medium term to recover in terms of nodule abundance to match its pre-collection state.
- To reflect this reality, we propose to delete the reference to “original state” in this Annex.