

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS  
DURING THE 29<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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, Section 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.**

**2. Template for Environmental Impact Statement**

The required contents and recommended format for an Environmental Impact Statement is outlined below. It is intended to provide the Authority, its member States and other stakeholders with ~~clear~~ **unambiguous** documentation of the potential Environmental Effects based on the Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, and Good Industry Practice on which the Authority can base its decision, and any subsequent approval that may be granted. Further detail for each section is provided following the overview.

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

- We do not consider that the standard for the Environmental Impact Statement should be the provision “unambiguous” documentation. This is too high a bar that would remove from consideration a range of potential sources regarding environmental impact.
- We suggest replacing “unambiguous” with the word “clear”.