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 Delegation making the proposal:** Australia

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

   DR4 – Rights [and legitimate interests] of coastal States ~~and duty to notify~~ – paragraph 2.

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.**

2. Contractors shall take all measures required and necessary to ensure that their activities are conducted so as not to cause harmful effects to the Marine Environment, including, but not restricted to, pollution, damage to the flora and fauna, interference with the ecological balance of the Marine Environment ~~including ecosystem structure, function and resilience~~ and other hazards to the Marine Environment in areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of coastal States, and that such harmful effects or pollution arising from Incidents or activities in its Contract Area do not spread into areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of a coastal State.

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

Australia proposes that the reference to 'interference with the ecological balance of the Marine Environment' be reinserted into sub-paragraph to reflect the wording in Article 145 (a) of the Convention.