

**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.

Draft Regulation 50(3)(c)(iii)

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.

**[Regulation 50 (previously Regulation 46 ter) [IWG ENV]
Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan**

3.The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall include all elements and matters prescribed by the Authority in Annex VII to these Regulations and shall:

[...]

(c) Incorporate any recommendations made by the Commission, and approved by the Council, in its consideration of the Environmental Impact Statement, including measures and procedures on;

[...]

(iii) How Preservation Reference Zones and Impact Reference Zones, designated in accordance with Annex X bis, will be utilised and implemented; ...]

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

- We note that while Contractors are subject to extensive requirements in regard to protecting Preservation Reference Zones and Impact Reference Zones, there will be a range of other activities occurring in the Area that could impact upon these Zones that Contractors have no control over (for example submarine cables).
- We consider it critical that the Authority fully consider what powers it has to protect these Zones from these other activities – including through cooperation with other authorities and international organisations as necessary.