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 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 61(1bis)(b)

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 61 [IWG ENV]

Post-closure monitoring

[...]

1. bis The purpose of post-closure monitoring is:

[...]

(b) To implement the restoration and rehabilitation (wherever possible) of the Marine Environment; and

[...]

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

- We consider that Draft Regulation 61(1bis)(b) is not appropriate for inclusion as a purpose of post-closure *monitoring*.
- Sub-paragraph (b) relates to implementing restoration and rehabilitation, whereas postclosure monitoring is not an active process of undertaking new activities. Instead, postclosure monitoring is aimed at ensuring that the post-closure monitoring objectives of the site have been met.
- As such we propose to delete sub-paragraph (b) to avoid confusing *monitoring* with *implementing*.