

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH 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(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Australia
- 2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

DR8 – Areas covered by an application

- 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.**

Note: Textual proposals are shown in green text.

5 Alt. For any part of the area under application, to the extent practicable after reasonable investigations, the applicant shall indicate in the application, whether it is designated or managed or under active consideration under any international regime or international organization. The applicant will also indicate that it is aware of its obligation of reasonable regard to other activities in the Area in accordance with Article 147, including by specifying whether the area under application overlaps with existing or planned submarine cables and pipelines.

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

Australia supports reinsertion of paragraph (5Alt) to replace paragraph (5) on the basis that it is a more clear and targeted method of ensuring coherence and cooperation with other international regimes. This includes reinsertion of the text ‘or under active consideration’ to capture relevant processes in other international fora which are ongoing but have not been finalised.

Australia proposes amending the final sentence of paragraph (5Alt) by inserting after ‘Article 147’ the words ‘, including by specifying whether the area under application overlaps with existing or planned submarine cables and pipelines’. This operationalises the obligation of reasonable regard in the context of submarine

cables and pipelines, which constitute 'other activities' for the purpose of Article 147. These activities warrant specific inclusion given their status as critical seabed infrastructure that are not regulated by any specific legal regime or international organization.