

**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.im.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 44

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.

1. The Authority, Sponsoring States, the Enterprise, Contractors, flag States and ~~Port States~~ ~~and the States of registry~~ shall take necessary measures to ensure effective Protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects which may arise from the Exploitation, in accordance with Regulations as well as applicable Standards ~~and [the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan]~~, taking into consideration the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and the Guidelines referred to in Regulation 45 and to this end:

(d) Ensure accountability and transparency in the assessment, evaluation and management of Environmental Effects and risks, ~~[including but not limited to stakeholder consultation and public access to environmental information, public participation, and access to justice;]~~

~~[(f) Elaborate and implement measures to ensure that [harmful effects changes] to the Marine Environment are not transferred, from 84 of 256 one area to another or from one type of pollution into another one [and to prevent, reduce and control interference with the ecological balance of the marine environment]; Special attention should be paid to avoiding toxic, persistent and bio accumulative substances; and]~~

(i) Apply the ~~m~~Mitigation measures ~~hierarchy to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and~~ should it become feasible in the future, remediate and restore the Marine Environment from harmful effects caused by activities in the Area;

~~[4. Exploitation in the Area and obligations relating to the Marine Environment shall be interpreted and applied in a manner that does not undermine relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral~~

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bodies and that promotes coherence and coordination with those instruments, frameworks and bodies.]

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