

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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. 46

**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. An applicant or Contractor shall carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on the potential ~~{impacts and}~~ effects on the Marine Environment of the proposed operations and activities.

2. The purpose of an Environmental Impact Assessment ~~{Process}~~ shall be to ~~{identify and inform the Authority’s assessment of an application of a Plan of Work under Regulations 13 to 16, and predict [and evaluate the potential]~~ Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects, ~~{of}~~ the proposed activities ~~{in the Area}~~ ~~{on the marine environment and identify necessary measures to Mitigate, [prevent], [minimise] or manage {them}, to enable the Authority to assess the potential adverse~~ Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects, with the aim to:

(d) Ensure, in accordance with the Convention, that the ~~Sponsoring State [or States] and the Contractors, conduct the [Plan of Work for Exploitation]~~ ~~{Environmental Impact Assessment}~~ with due regard to the rights and legitimate interests of any potentially most affected coastal State by maintaining, [timely] [targeted and proactive] consultations in accordanc-e with Regulation 93 ter; and

3. The ~~{process for Environmental Impact Assessment}~~ shall:  
(a) Be based on relevant ~~{and representative}~~ environmental baseline data ~~{based on sufficient scientific information}~~ in accordance with ~~{applicable}~~ Standards ~~[and Regional Environmental Management Plans]~~ and taking into consideration applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan and the Guidelines;

(b) Be carried out by ~~{competent}, {qualified}, [and]~~ experts;

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(b) bis Be based on the Best Available ~~[Science and]~~ Scientific Information, and, taking into account, ~~[where available,]~~ relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and [of] local communities;

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~~(d) Provide for consultation [with all States and Stakeholders;~~  
~~(d) bis Provide for consultation with all States and Stakeholders in accordance with Regulation 93 bis, relevant Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines.]~~  
~~(f) Take into account the results from Test Mining, in accordance with Regulation 48 ter;]~~  
(h) Identify scientific and other knowledge gaps or data uncertainties, and ~~[assess]~~ the degree to which these influence the assessment ; and

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4. The Environmental Impact Assessment Process must follow certain procedural steps and entail the following elements:

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(a) A stage for scoping in accordance with Regulation 47 bis;  
(b) A stage for assessment ~~[and evaluation]~~ of Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects [in accordance with Regulation 47;]

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

In our view, we need to distinguish Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects and assess both of them

2(d): Sponsoring States do not conduct Environmental Impact Assessment