

THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUST'S COMMENTARY
***ON THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED TEXT: DRAFT REGULATIONS ON
EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE AREA,
DATED 29 NOVEMBER 2024 (ISBA/30/C/CRP.1)***

Key

Black font, **red font**, and grey text-boxes are replicated from the Draft Regulations text.

Blue font represents commentary or edits proposed by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Section 4 Pollution control and management of waste

~~Regulation 53 Emergency Response and Contingency Plan~~

[Regulation 53 is moved to Section 5 concerning Incidents and Notifiable Events – now Regulation 32]

[Regulations 53 bis. and ter. are moved to Section 3 concerning Environmental Management and Monitoring, and Section 4 is removed]

We support the creation and insertion of Section 3 bis (Regulations 52 bis, 52 ter, and 52 quater) that create an Underwater Cultural Heritage Committee and an Underwater Cultural Heritage Management Plan. The IWG on UCH submitted this proposed Section 3 bis and, in the alternate, various line edits to include UCH more robustly in the Environmental Management Process. We lament that neither option is reflected here. This text must be presented to the Council for debate and discussion.