

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

Norway

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

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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.

Regulation 45

Development of environmental Standards and Guidelines

[1.] The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, develop Environmental Standards and Guidelines ~~shall be developed~~ in accordance with regulation[s] 94 and 95 and shall include, *inter alia*, the following subject matters:

- (a) Environmental quality objectives ~~[and indicators]~~, including on ~~ecological balance of the marine environment~~, biodiversity status, plume density, ~~toxicity, composition, chemistry~~, extent, and sedimentation rates and ~~light and noise emissions~~,
- (b) Monitoring procedures,; and
- (c) ~~Mitigation measures~~ Prevention, reduction and control measures and ~~or~~ where possible, remediation or compensation of environmental harm,.
- (bd) Baseline Data collection,
- (ec) Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities and [reference to BAT?]
- (f) Quantitative assessment of environmental effects.

~~[2. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the necessary environmental Standards [and Guidelines] have been adopted.]~~

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

For drafting clarity, we would prefer to state which actor/entity is responsible for the development of the environmental standards: “The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, develop Environmental Standards, in accordance with”. - (1) a-f: In general, we agree with, among others, Italy that we should evaluate critically the inclusion of such lists throughout, because there is always a risk of something being left out. The list in a-f is however not exhaustive, and if kept, we welcome the added “inter alia” which allows for flexibility and inclusion of other

standards over time. -(a) Norway supports the inclusion of “indicators”. With regards to the listing of elements after “including”: the challenge with such additions and listing of factors is that anything left out risks being viewed as less important, or not included. -(c) Norway suggests including “compensation” to this list (in line with Norwegian practice) so it reads: “and, where possible, remediation or compensation of environmental harm”. -(e): A reference to BAT would be welcome here. – General: If this DR is to refer to both Standards and Guidelines (cf. DR 94 and 95), it must be aligned with the text in DR 44 (1) last sentence, which refers to DR 45.