

**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: United States

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

51 Compliance with the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

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.

A Contractor shall, [in accordance with] implement and adhere to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and these regulations, and shall:

(a) Monitor continuously, release monitoring data publicly, in an accessible format consistent with best scientific practice, on a monthly basis, and report annually under regulation 38 (2) (g) on the Environmental Effects of its activities on the Marine Environment, including a comparison between baseline data and monitoring data to document the actual effects on the Marine Environment and manage all such effects as an integral part of its Exploitation activities as set out in the relevant Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines referred to in regulation 45;

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

In outlining the data reporting requirements for the Contractor in the EMMP, the text should include the requirement for monthly data reporting, in accordance with regulation 46ter, in tandem with the current reference to the requirement for annual reports, as the reporting of data at monthly intervals is vital to allow for regular and routine verification of environmental conditions at the site by the Authority, and to contribute to scientific knowledge of deep sea habitats.