

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

Protection and preservation of the marine environment

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

Norway

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

DR 46 bis (alt)

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.

46bis (alt)

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping

1. An application or Contractor shall use ~~environmental impact assessment~~ scoping to identify and prioritize the main activities and potential impacts associated with the proposed mining operation, in order to focus the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement on the key environmental issues.

4. Upon receipt of a scoping report from an applicant or Contractor, the Secretary-General shall:

e. Make the report available on the Authority’s website ~~for a period of at least 60 days~~, with an invitation for members of the Authority and Stakeholders to submit comments in writing within a period of 90 days;

f. Following the close of the comment period under paragraph (1)(a), provide any comments received to the applicant or Contractor with a specified timeframe for response;

~~g. Following the close of the comment period under paragraph (1)(a), provide any comments received to the applicant or Contractor with a specified timeframe for response;~~

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

- DR 46 bis (alt) is not alternative to DR 46 bis, but an additional REG on the important step of scoping which provides and outlines (through the Scoping report) the steps to be conducted in the EIA process and the timeline, as well as the proposed impact assessment to be done.
- Norway prefers DR48 bis (alt) to come before DR46 bis, for correct sequencing.
- The scoping report should be made available on the Authority’s website permanently. The comment period should however be 90 days.
- Letter g and f are duplicative. The reference is also currently wrong – it should be “the close of the comment period under para 4 e).”