

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART III**

**President's text**

*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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

President's text

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

China

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

Regulation 31 Reasonable regard for other activities [and infrastructure] in the Marine Environment

**4. 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.**

**\*Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

1. Contractors shall, [consistent with the] relevant Guidelines, carry out exploitation under an exploitation contract with reasonable regard for other activities [and structure] in the Marine Environment, in accordance with article[s] [87 and] 147 of the Convention and the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, [Regional Environmental Management Plan] and Closure Plan. ] [Support for this paragraph.](#)

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

In accordance with Article 147 of the Convention, activities should be accommodated with each other. This shall not be used as a justification for restricting the activities of the Contractor or for imposing additional burdens on the Contractor, except for those activities that expressly require special treatment under the Convention. According to the Convention, Contractors are required to carry out their exploitation activities with reasonable regard to avoid the destruction of or damage to submarine cables or pipelines. 1 bis and 1 bis.alt. go beyond the provisions of the Convention by stating that each Contractor shall exercise due diligence to ensure that it does not cause

damage to submarine cables or pipelines in the Contract Area. Paragraph 1 is written in the spirit of Article 147 of the Convention.