

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

*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:**

IWG Environment

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

China

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

Regulation 47 ter Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

**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**

4. An environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report shall include the following:

(c) A description of what is known about the environmental setting, [including Underwater Cultural Heritage](#), for the project (Contract Area and regional setting)

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

Regarding paragraph 4(c), on the one hand, the definition of “marine environment” has been broadened to include Underwater Cultural Heritage, which goes beyond the understanding of the marine environment; on the other hand, it imposes obligations on Contractors that go beyond the provisions of the Convention and should be deleted.