

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

1. Name of Working Group

Institutional Matters

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Draft Regulation 8

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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.

Regulation 8

Area covered by an application

1. Each application for approval of a Plan of Work shall define the boundaries of the area under application, by a list of **[geographical** coordinates in accordance with the **World Geodetic System 84** ~~most recent applicable international standard used by the Authority].~~ -

2. The areas under application need not be contiguous and shall be defined in the application in the form of blocks comprising one or more cells of a grid, as provided by the Authority.

[3. The area under application shall be located within an exploration Contract Area] for which adequate and satisfactory environmental baseline data is publicly available.

~~[3.alt. The area under application shall be an area previously subject to an exploration contract, or an area in which adequate and satisfactory environmental baseline data is in existence and publicly available.]~~

[4. The areas under application must be covered by a relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan.]

[5. In the application, the applicant shall provide an overview of other potential legitimate uses and a statement confirming whether the area under application or any part of it has received attention under any other international organisation or treaty regime.]

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

GER supports para 3 as it limits application to areas which have been under exploration.

GER also supports conceptually para 4. Only areas for which a REMP has been adopted should be considered for exploitation. If this requirement is established by another exploitation regulation, para 4 could be removed.

With regard to para 5, GER has the following comments:

- GER strongly supports that exploitation projects must be in line with decisions of other international organization in particular concerning the protection of the marine environment, but also with regard to other legitimate uses.
- We propose an addition with regard to “an overview of other legitimate uses”
- GER is of the view that this requirement should prevail with regard to decisions which have been adopted by these international organizations and “decisions” which are under preparation.
- We wonder whether the wording “it has received attention” is clear or whether a new formulation is needed. GER would prefer a clearer formulation.