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

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Informal Working Group – Environment.

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Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation. 45(2)(f)

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.

(f) Technical requirements for environment protection with regard to the equipment used for the Exploitation activities and

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

We do not consider it appropriate that the Authority prescribes for specific equipment to be used through a standard. A guideline would be more appropriate recommending equipment parameters etc.

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[The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the Environmental Standards and Guidelines have been adopted.] [Such Standards and approved Guidelines shall be] [] [adopted by] the Council [in accordance with Regulations 94 and 95]

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While fully supportive of robust environmental standards being developed and adopted, we seek clarity on what environmental standards are to be in place and a <u>roadmap to their timely development</u> such that any application for the approval of a plan of work or its assessment is not arbitrarily or unduly delayed.