

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 29TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART II**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

Submitted by the International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

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

DR44ter 7 (k). from the consolidated draft text (ISBA/29/C/CRP.1) dated 16 February 2024.

3. 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.

k) ~~Prevent~~ Mitigate non-negligible risks that will undermine to ensure the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the Area and the prevention of damage to the flora and fauna of the Marine Environment;

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

The word “Prevent” should be “Mitigate” and then the definition of Mitigate should include all the tiers of the mitigation hierarchy (including prevent/avoid).

Note the wording “protection and conservation of the natural resources of the Area and the prevention of damage to the flora and fauna of the Marine Environment” is a copy of Article 145 (b). (does it need to be repeated in regulations?)