

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

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.im.

1. Name of Working Group:

Informal Working Group on Environment

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

Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

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

Annex IV, Section 8.7bis.4

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.

Annex IV [IWG ENV]

Environmental Impact Statement

[...]

~~8.7bis.4 Restoration and Rehabilitation measures~~

~~Practicable Restoration and Rehabilitation of the project area — approach. The Restoration and Rehabilitation of the project area should be considered as a part of the Mitigation hierarchy. At this stage in the Environmental Assessment Process, there might be no final knowledge on the potential of Restoration and Rehabilitation in the area, so a plan should be proposed to develop this knowledge throughout the lifespan of the project and to prepare the decision on the issue at the end of the project. This should be done in accordance with applicable Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines.]~~

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

- We do not consider that Section 8.7bis.4 is necessary for the Environmental Impact Statement.
- To require a plan for cataloguing and developing knowledge regarding restoration and rehabilitation during a project of this type is superfluous. Any decision on restoration and rehabilitation should be made at the appropriate point in time and in advance to the closure of the project. At that point in time the relevant information will be collected and analysed to determine an appropriate approach and what may be feasible as part of restoration and rehabilitation measures.