

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

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.

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

China

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

Regulation 45 Development of environmental Standards and Guidelines

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.

***Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

3. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation unless the [necessary] environmental Standards and Guidelines have been adopted.

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

The development of environmental standards and guidelines requires a certain degree of practice in exploitation activities, in which scientific knowledge can be accumulated and standards finalized. For example, the assessment of the effectiveness of mining remediation requires a certain degree of practice in remediation activities to understand the specific effects and achieve effective assessment. In addition, as knowledge of the deep sea grows, newer standards may become available, and only the necessary standards and guidelines need to be issued at the approval phase.