

**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:**
France

- 2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**
Regulation 89 – Confidentiality of information

- 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 deleted.**

Delete the first part of sub-paragraph 89, para. 3 (f):

(f): ~~Relate to the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment~~, [provided that] the Secretary-General may agree that such information is regarded as Confidential Information for a reasonable period where there are bona fide academic reasons for delaying its release;

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

The French delegation notes, in Regulation 89.3(f), that data and information related to the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment are not considered as “confidential information”, provided that the Secretary-General may designate such information as confidential for a reasonable period where there are bona fide academic reasons for delaying its release. For sake of transparency and accountability, France does not support this exception and would like to consider all data and information related to the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment as non-confidential.