

**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.fm.

- 1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Federated States of Micronesia

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

Draft exploitation regulation 46(3)(b)bis and 46(3)(e)

- 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.**

3. The Environmental Impact Assessment [Process] shall:

...

(b) bis Be based on the best available [science and] scientific information, and, ~~if applicable, taking into account,~~ where available, relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities;

...

(e) Be subject to an independent ~~scientific~~ assessment prior to the submission of the proposed Environmental Impact Statement to the Authority;

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

The FSM proposes to revise paragraph 3(b)bis of DR 46 to delete the comma after “scientific information” and to replace “if applicable, taking into account,” with “where available,” as the latter is the typical formulation elsewhere in the DRs (as well as in the EIAs Part of the BBNJ Agreement). We also propose to insert “of” before “local communities” in order to distinguish the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples from the traditional knowledge of local communities.

The FSM also proposes to delete the reference to “scientific” in paragraph 3(e) of the same DR 46 to align with the reference to traditional knowledge in paragraph 3(b)bis as a complement to science for the EIA process.