

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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.jm](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

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

**Spain**

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

Regulation 2.3

**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. Exploitation in the Area shall not commence until the legal framework intended for the effective protection and preservation of the Marine Environment is adopted and scientific evidence demonstrates that the Exploitation will be conducted in such a manner as not to cause significant and harmful changes to the Marine Environment and its resources and to effectively protect and preserve the Marine Environment pursuant to article 145 and [article 209 of] Part XII of UNCLOS.]

~~[3 It Exploitation shall not be authorized in the Area unless, inter alia, phase one and two Standards and Guidelines are adopted, and effective protection of the Marine Environment from harmful effects can be ensured consistent with Article 145 of the Convention [and including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity] [and effective protection of human life in accordance with Article 146 of the Convention].~~

[3 It 2. Exploitation in the Area shall not commence until:

(a) the legal framework intended for the effective protection and preservation of the Marine Environment has entered into force [and the Authority has adopted an environmental policy];

(b) the implementation of [Target 3 of] the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is well on track in the area beyond national jurisdiction; and

scientific evidence demonstrates that Exploitation will be conducted in such a manner so as: not to cause significant and harmful changes to the Marine Environment and its resources, [pursuant to rticle 196 of , and] to effectively protect and preserve the Marine Environment[, including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity] pursuant to Article 145 and Part XII of the Convention [including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity], and not to impede the full implementation of [Target3 of] the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in the area beyond national jurisdiction.

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

Spain considers that either the option 3 or 3 lt 2 are valid.