

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH 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:

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

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

Draft Regulation 44 ter

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.

Regulation 44 ter [IWG ENV]

Environmental Goals and Objectives

7. The Authority’s strategic Environmental Objectives are to:

[...]

(l) Prevent degradation, or reduce the risk of degradation to special biological, scientific, archaeological, or historical significance of the Area or the Marine Environment; and

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

- [As raised in previous submissions, we remain concerned about the inclusion of the proposed Draft Regulation 44ter as this proposal would require alterations across a range of other provisions in the draft regulations. We are concerned that the objectives set out in Draft Regulation 44ter are unclear and may be difficult to convert into workable obligations. We also consider that these kinds of objectives would be more suited to being set out in an overarching environmental policy or similar document.]
- However, if Draft Regulation 44ter is to be included in the Draft Regulations, consistent with other submissions we have made on the Draft Regulations, we are concerned that “risks” can only be reduced, and not prevented. As such, we propose that sub-paragraph 7(l) of Draft Regulation 44ter be amended to reflect this.