

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PARTS 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.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

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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.

“**Best Environmental Practices**” means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies, for purposes of ensuring the effective protection of the Marine Environment, and based on the Best Available Scientific Information and Best Available Technology Techniques that will change with time in the light of improved knowledge, understanding or technology, as well as the incorporation of the relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and in accordance with applicable Standards taking into account the relevant Guidelines.

“**Closure Plan**” means ~~a document that contains an integrated environmental, social and economic base case for Decommissioning, closure and postclosure activities and conditions against which future monitoring can be compared. It will be revised through the lifetime of the Exploitation Contract and must be considered as an integral part of operational planning. the document referred to in annex VIII.~~

“Intangible [underwater] cultural heritage” refers to practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills, and traditions that are transmitted from generation to generation – as expressed in the instruments, objects, artefacts, flora, fauna and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups, or, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage; and relate to the underwater environment and its interaction with human cultures. This may include, but is not limited to, traditional navigation knowledge, oral histories associated with maritime landscapes, spiritual and ritual practices linked to water bodies, and artisanal fishing techniques.]

“**Mining Workplan**” means the document referred to in Annex II, including any modifications made from time to time in accordance with these Regulations.

“**Protection**” means any action or activity designed to reduce or prevent pollution, negative environmental impacts or other damage to environment, land, ecosystems, ~~or~~ natural resources, traditional ownership or customary use of resources, human remains and underwater cultural heritage, or intangible underwater cultural heritage by human activities, including to mitigate climate change, to reduce the risk of such damage, to protect and restore biodiversity or to lead to more efficient use of natural resources, including energy-saving measures and the use of renewable sources of energy and other techniques to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, as well as to shift to circular economy models to reduce the use of primary materials and increase efficiencies. It also covers actions that reinforce adaptive capacity and minimise vulnerability to climate impacts.

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

We note that the definition for “Best Environmental Practices” erroneously refers to “Best Available Technology” and not “Best Available Techniques”.

“Closure Plan”, we prefer the previous definition, which is simpler and more effective. The current definition introduces new concepts such as “base case” and obligations that should not be part of definitions.

The definition of “Mining Workplan” should recognize that this will be a living document that is reviewed and adjusted in accordance with changing conditions. We suggest the text including any modifications made from time to time in accordance with these regulations be added at the end of the definition.

The term “Protection” is used in the draft regulations in relation to cultural rights and interests, while the existing definition focuses primarily on environmental impacts.

To ensure the meaning of these references are clear, we suggest amending the definition of “Protection” to include specific references to cultural rights and interests, human remains, underwater cultural heritage and Intangible underwater cultural heritage.
