**Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

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PART IV ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

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Article 35

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35.2 Where an environmental impact assessment is required in accordance with this Part, the environmental impact assessment report shall include, as a minimum, the following components: a description of the planned activity, a baseline assessment of the marine environment likely to be affected, a description of potential impacts, a description of potential prevention and mitigation measures, uncertainties and gaps in knowledge, information on the public consultation process, a description of consideration of reasonable alternatives to the planned activity, and a description of follow-up actions, including a monitoring and review plan. Additional guidance regarding the content of environmental impact assessments reports to be prepared pursuant to this Part shall be developed by the Scientific and Technical Body for adoption by the Conference of the Parties under article 41bis.

[OPT 1] 35.4 Draft environmental impact assessment reports prepared pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered and reviewed by the Scientific and Technical Body.

1. **Rationale for the proposal, if any.**