

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL – Part 2**

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.*

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

African Group of 47 Member States

**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.**

[1.] Environmental Standards and Guidelines shall be developed in accordance with regulation[s] 94 and 95 and shall include, *inter alia*, the following subject matters:

(1)(c) ~~Mitigation measures~~ ~~Prevention, reduction and control measures and/or remediation of environmental harm.~~

[2. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the ~~necessary~~ environmental Standards [and Guidelines] have been adopted.]

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

The word “necessary” is not appropriate and should be removed. Standards are mandatory, and are therefore all necessary.

Regarding para 1, we support the inclusion of ‘inter alia’ as it must be clear that this is not an exhaustive list. Regarding the sub paras, they need to be streamlined for suitability of inclusion.

Regarding para 1(c), ‘Mitigation’ is a defined term in the Schedule. We suggest the proposed change to this para is rejected and the text revert back to ‘Mitigation measures’. Any necessary edits should be directed to the Schedule.

Regarding the new para 2. We support its inclusion in principle. Though we do have a query; Are the standards and guidelines listed in para 1 those considered to be ‘necessary’ for the purposes of para 2? We suggest wording to this effect or additional elaboration on which Standards and Guidelines must be in place to satisfy this requirement.