

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

Paragraph 3

New (e) include site-specific environmental objectives and environmental performance standards, which are compatible with and designed to achieve the environmental policy and objectives of the Authority and applicable Standards;

New (f) incorporate **measurement** criteria, internal thresholds and reflect its methodology to determine whether the environmental objectives are being met and that the operation is compliant with applicable environmental Standards and other Rules of the Authority;

New (g) reflect any conditions recommended by the Commission, and approved by the Council, in its consideration of the Environmental Impact Statementn.

[3ter. The EMMP shall contain an additional monitoring programme for at least the first [seven] years of Exploitation, to be conducted by independent experts and in compliance with the applicable Standards.]

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

We support switching the order of para 1 and para 2.

To ensure the EMMP undertakes its primary function of monitoring, the establishment of Environmental objectives will be critical. Objectives are referenced a few times in the draft Regulations but elaboration of when and how strategic environmental objectives will be set by the regulator would be helpful, and can then be used by applicants or Contractors to inform their EMMPs.

We support insertion of 3bis.

Regarding 3ter, we feel there needs to be a clarification here that this monitoring by independent experts in the initial years of operations should be *in addition* to the required monitoring conducted by the contractor.