

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

Belgium

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

Regulation 44bis

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.

Belgium is of the opinion that the process decided upon by the Council concerning a standardized approach for the development, approval and review of Regional Environmental Management Plans in the Area (ISBA/26/C/10) should lead to an incorporation of the aforementioned standardized approach in the Mining Code. Therefore, we do want to focus on the paragraph 3, as suggested by Madam Facilitator, without overlooking this principal position.

As regards paragraph 3: Belgium strongly agrees with the chronology that a ‘Regional Environmental Management Plan for the particular area concerned should be adopted by the Council before seeking the application for a plan of work for that area’.

One more note on the REMPs, of which Belgium is a strong advocate. We think that the REMPs are the right place to adopt the environmental objectives/standards which have to be respected/achieved by the exploitant.

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