

**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:

China

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

Regulation 59

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.

5.The Closure Plan shall be ~~reviewed annually and~~ updated each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work, ~~or, in cases where no such change has occurred, every five years,~~ and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60 (1).

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

There is no need for an annual review of the Closure Plan, which will significantly increase the financial burden on the contractors and the Commission, and there seems to be no precedent in actual mining operations. It is recommended to delete “reviewed annually and” and restore the original text.