

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

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

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

China

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

Draft standard and guidelines for the environmental impact assessment process (ISBA/27/C/4)

Draft guidelines for the environmental impact assessment process, paragraph 123 (page 39)

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123. Stakeholder consultation should be conducted in a meaningful manner. This means:

- providing appropriate access to up-to-date and comprehensive information about the mining plans and environmental ~~data and~~ impacts, **excluding any industrial secret, proprietary data or any other confidential information**; and

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China believes that the "comprehensive information" in this paragraph should exclude confidential information including industrial secret and proprietary data. Alternatively, "comprehensive" should be deleted.

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3. In accordance with regulation 46 of the draft regulations on exploitation, the EIA process:

~~(a) Identifies, predicts, evaluates and mitigates the physicochemical, biological, socioeconomic and other relevant effects of the proposed mining activities;~~

~~(b) Includes at the outset a screening and scoping process, which identifies and prioritizes the main activities and impacts associated with the potential mining operation, in order to focus the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the key environmental issues. The environmental impact assessment should include an environmental risk assessment;~~

~~(c) Includes an impact analysis to describe and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental Effects of the mining operation;~~

~~(d) Identifies measures to manage such effects within acceptable levels, including through the development and preparation of an Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP).~~

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We noticed that this paragraph quoted the content of regulation 47 of a former version of the Draft Exploitation Regulations. The facilitator's text has revised the

relevant content and moved it to regulation 46bis(2). It should be updated accordingly.

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China calls upon the Authority and facilitator to clarify the criteria, procedure, and timeline for public consultation, which is beneficial for a contractor to practice.