

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.

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

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

Regulation 47, Part IV - ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1

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.

Regulation 47 Environmental Impact Statement

1. The purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement, which shall accompany an application for approval of a Plan of Work in accordance with regulation 7, is to document and report the results of the environmental impact assessment carried out in accordance with Regulation 46bis.
2. An applicant or Contractor, as the case may be, shall prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation.
3. The Environmental Impact Statement shall be in the form prescribed by the Authority in annex IV to these regulations and shall:
 - (a) Be Inclusive inclusive of a prior environmental risk assessment;
 - (b) Be based on the results of the environmental impact assessment;
 - (c) Identify comments received through public consultation on the environmental impact assessment and how they have been addressed;
 - (d) Be In in accordance with the objectives and measures of the relevant regional environmental management plan; and
 - (e) Be prepared in accordance with the applicable [Standards and Guidelines](#), Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, [Best Environmental Practices](#) [Best environmental practices, including the collection in adequate quality and quantity baseline data](#) and Best Available Techniques.
4. The Environmental Impact Statement shall demonstrate that the proposed mining operation is in accordance with all relevant environmental Standards and with the requirements of the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan.

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

- 1- This is important because baseline data forms the basis for long term monitoring of the environmental impacts to make sure such impacts are in line with Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Monitoring and Management plan when mining starts. Also, because sampling is the cornerstone of environmental surveys and monitoring.