

**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:

France

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

ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1 - Regulation 52 (2)

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 52 (2): Review of the Performance-performance assessments of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

2. The frequency of a performance assessment shall be in accordance with the period specified in the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and shall occur every [two] [three] years ~~at least annually;~~

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

France suggests replacing the obligation for an annual report to a report every 2 – 3 years, seeing as the Regulations 51 and 38 already impose annual reporting on environmental impacts from exploitation activities (in accordance with the EMMP obligations). It would therefore be more appropriate to have 2 or 3 years of environmental impact reports to be able to effectively report on the performance of these plans. A reporting frequency 2-3 years is also sufficient, particularly as point 2bis allows for the Council to request an ad hoc performance assessment in cases specified by this article.