

**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:

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Draft 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.

Regulation 44bis

Regional Environmental Management Plans

1. The Authority shall develop Regional Environmental Management Plans in each regional area that is under consideration for the conduct of activities in the Area.

2. The purpose of Regional Environmental Management Plans is to provide region-specific information, measures and procedures in order to ensure effective protection of the marine environment in accordance with Article 145 UNCLOS. To this end, REMPs should in particular entail environmental objectives and standards, if appropriate, taking into account cumulative and synergistic effects, spatial planning instruments, such as the determination of mining areas, APEIs as well as PRZ and IRZ, and procedures and measures taking into account all relevant human activities. Regional Environmental Management Plans shall be drafted in the form prescribed by the Authority in Annex [IVbis].

3. An application for a Plan of Work shall not be considered by the Commission until and unless a Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted by the Council for the particular area concerned. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Implementing Agreement.

4. Before the adoption of an REMP by the Council, all potentially concerned States, international and regional competent organisations and all stakeholders shall be consulted in accordance with the relevant standards or guidelines.

5. All Regional Environmental Management Plans shall undergo a review after every six years. In addition, the Council may decide to review any Regional Environmental Management Plan at any time before such a review is due, especially if such review is deemed necessary in the light of new scientific information, or if it is of an opinion that the measures to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment prescribed therein are inadequate or ineffective.”

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

The above text reflects the proposal by GER from 2019. It is suggested to include the full text as it entails all relevant aspects with respect to the placement of REMPs in the decision making, the necessary contents of REMPs and the procedure of developing and reviewing REMPs.