

**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:

ITALY

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers. 47

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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 ~~be~~:
 - (a) Be Inclusive-inclusive of a prior environmental risk assessment;
 - (b) Be Based-based on the results of the environmental impact assessment;
 - (c) Consider and incorporate as appropriate comments received through public consultations within the EIS Identify comments received through public consultation on the environmental impact assessment and how they have been addressed;
 - (ed) Be In-in accordance with the objectives and measures of the relevant regional environmental management plan; and
 - (de) Be Prepared-prepared in accordance with the applicable Guidelines, Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Techniques.
4. The Environmental Impact Statement shall demonstrate that the

proposed mining operation is in accordance with the environmental conditions eventually resulting from the Environmental Impact Assessment process and 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]

Para. 3 c) seems confusing. Italy suggests to slightly redraft it as indicated. Integrations to this new draft by NZ are also acceptable to Italy.

The wording proposed in para. 4 strengthens the importance of the EIS capturing the results of public consultation process as well as embracing any operational conditions that might be established during the EIA in order to properly manage the environmental impacts associated with mining operations

Finally, while this issue will be dealt later, Italy would like to recommend that ABMT be considered within Annex IV.