

**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:

Japan

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

Regulation 59 Closure Plan

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.

5. The Closure Plan shall be reviewed ~~annually~~ and updated each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work or any relevant Standards or Guidelines are revised and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60 (1).

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

The regulations shall not overburden Contractors. The content of the Closure Plan shall be reviewed and updated each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work or any relevant Standards or Guidelines are revised, but the necessity of its review every year during commercial production is considered relatively low. Japan therefore proposes to delete “annually” and to add “any relevant Standards or Guidelines are revised” for when to review and update the Closure Plan.