

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Norway

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

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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.**

1. A ~~Contractor shall prepare a~~ Closure Plan ~~shall which sets set~~ out the responsibilities and actions of a Contractor for the decommissioning and closure of activities in a Mining Area, including the post-closure management and monitoring of residual ~~and natural~~ Environmental Effects. Closure also includes a temporary suspension of mining activities.

- (c) The risks relating to Environmental Effects are quantified, assessed and managed, which includes the gathering of information relevant to closure or suspension;

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

It must be clarified that it is the Contractor who is obligated to prepare a Closure Plan in 1 a). If an EIA is required, this must be clearly stated in the DR. Such a requirement is implied in c) and also in Annex VIII (1) g). Since EIA is “the process” and EIS is the written product, Norway also queries whether a requirement for an EIS needs be included (if an EIA is required). Para 5: Norway supports the suggestion by UK to focus on reviewing the implementation of the Closure Plan.