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:

Spain

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

Annex IV.- Environmental Impact Statement Regulation 59. Closure Plan

 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.

5.4. Biological environment 2 (f) bis Requirements regarding the removal of all installations and their parts and equipment from the Mining Area, including the explicit prohibition of any kind of waste abandonment are addressed; and

The description needs to detail fauna communities in the water column down to the Mining Area **and beyond**, including migratory and highly mobile species, their relationship to the natural habitat, including the mineral resource, and the functional ecological relationships across groups to assess the scale of impacts to be expected if mining occurs.

If the project is included into an area that has been declared as EBSA (Ecologically or Biologically Significant marine area) in the framework of the Convention of Biological Diversity, description of the impact of the project to the area and to its significant ecological and biological values.

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

We propose to make an express mention of the prohibition to leave marine litter or debris in the area where the activity is closed.