

**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:

United Kingdom

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

46bis

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.

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

This is a supplementary rationale to further explain UK text proposal on DR46bis (submitted 23 March). We note that there is a definition of ERA included in the “Draft Standards and Guidelines for the environmental impact assessment process” and “Draft Guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements”. We consider this definition of an ERA, subject to its further development during further negotiations on the Standards and Guidelines, should be added to the ‘Schedule Use of terms and scope’ and such a definition needs to be applied consistently through the ISA Mining Code and other documents.