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.

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- 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.
 - 3. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall cover the main aspects prescribed by the Authority in annex VII to these regulations and shall be:
 - (a) Based on the environmental impact assessment and the Environmental Impact Statement;
 - (b) In accordance with the relevant regional environmental management plan;
 - (c) Prepared in accordance with the applicable Guidelines, Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices and Best Available Techniques, and consistent with other plans in these regulations, including the Closure Plan and the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan.
- 4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

The UK supports that the EMMP should cover all aspects prescribed by the Authority in Annex VII. We consider that all the required elements of the EMMP as listed in the Annex are important, and to place an obligation in Reg 48 for the EMMP to cover only the "main" aspects implies a hierarchy, or that some of these elements are non-essential/ not mandatory. This could be unclear for a Contractor.