

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

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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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.

Section 3

Regulation ~~53~~ 50 bis

Emergency Response and Contingency Plan

1. A Contractor shall maintain:

- (a) (a) The currency and adequacy of its Emergency Response and Contingency Plans based on the identification of potential Incidents and in accordance with Good Industry Practice, Best Available Techniques, Best Environmental Practices and the applicable Standards and Guidelines and shall be tested at least annually; and
- (b) (b) Such resources, training and procedures as are necessary for the prompt execution and implementation of the Emergency Response and Contingency Plans and any Emergency Orders issued by the Authority including on-vessel presence at all times of personnel authorised and trained to implement the Plan.

2. Contractors, the Authority and sponsoring States shall facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information and experience relating to Incidents, using such knowledge and information to prepare and revise standards and operating guidelines to prevent, reduce and control pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment, including the coastline, throughout the mining life cycle and shall cooperate with and draw on the advice of other relevant international organizations.

3. Following an Incident, a Contractor must submit a detailed report on whether the plan was adequate and to what extent it was complied with, including, among other aspects, expenses incurred, responsibilities and updating of the plan if necessary.

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

We note the facilitator advised in the March 2022 IWG Environment draft: *“consideration could be given to moving draft regulation 53 up to section 3 as it seems more appropriately placed there”* and in the July 2022 draft that, *“In addition, one delegation proposed to discuss the proper place for this provision in the DRs. I agree with that comment that the discussion of the placement of this regulation should take place during the meeting”*.

We support the proposal to move the regulation to Section 3 to be with other provisions related to pollution control, and suggest positioning it as ‘50bis’, but can flexible on it’s placement in the Section.

In addition, the term ‘mining life cycle’ is used in this regulation and elsewhere and should be defined in Schedule. The mining life cycle includes closure and post-closure and this should be included in the definition.