

**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:

United States

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

Annex VII – Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

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.

2. An Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall contain:

- (a) A non-technical summary of the main conclusions and information provided to facilitate understanding by members of the Authority and Stakeholders;
- (b) A description of the area likely to be affected by the proposed activities;
- (c) A description of the environmental baseline data, including measured baseline values for parameters at the site, a characterization of the area proposed to be mined, adjacent areas that could be affected by mining, rare and endangered species present, and areas that will be avoided due to their environmental value.
- (d) The environmental objectives based on baseline environmental data and standards to be met;

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

A description of environmental baseline data is needed to properly assess any potential environmental effects and will be critical to assess any significant change as a result of mining activities. While this material will be covered in the EIA and EIS, we consider that it is worth restating a description of the baseline data in the EMMP for easy reference as well to provide context for the environmental objectives.