

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

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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.**

2. The objectives of a Closure Plan are to ensure that:

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(f) Any restoration or rehabilitation commitments will be fulfilled in accordance with predetermined criteria or standards; and

(f)bis Requirements regarding the removal of ~~all~~ any Installations and equipment from the Mining Area are addressed; and

(g) The mining activities are closed or suspended efficiently and ~~cost-effectively~~ safely.

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

In 2(f)bis, there may be cases where leaving installations and/or equipment at the mine site may be better environmental management than removing all infrastructure in all cases. In 2(g), the United States suggests striking “cost-effectively” in favor of “safely” to clarify objectives other than cost-savings, such as health and safety, managing residual Environmental Effects, and restoration and rehabilitation commitments, take priority.