

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 Kingdom

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

Regulation 45

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.

Regulation 45

Development of environmental Standards

Environmental Standards shall be developed in accordance with regulation 94 and shall include the following subject matters:

- (a) Environmental quality objectives, including on toxicity, biodiversity status, plume density and extent, and sedimentation rates;

(b) Monitoring procedures; and

(c) Mitigation measures.

(2) The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the necessary environmental Standards have been adopted.

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

Regulation 45 serves as an explicit regulatory basis for the preparation of environmental Standards. We have added the term 'toxicity' as this is an issue with respect to processing of the minerals and the resulting waste water that is returned to the water column. We consider this to be one of the key impacts that should be addressed in environmental Standards under regulation 45.

Paragraph 2 is necessary to clarify the role of environmental Standards in decision making by the Authority. We are flexible as to the placement of this provision.

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