

**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 Kingdom

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

Regulation 46bis

**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.**

We do not propose amendment to regulation 46bis. However, this regulation uses the concept of ‘environmental risk assessment’. We propose inclusion of the following definition of this term, in the Schedule on Use of terms and scope:

“‘Environmental Risk Assessment’ means the risk process for evaluating the likelihood and consequence of Environmental Impacts.”

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

We strongly support the requirement for an ERA to be in accordance with the relevant REMP – see paragraph 4(b) of regulation 46bis. We also agree that an EIA should include an environmental risk assessment (ERA). However, we believe there needs to be a definition of ERA. We have drawn from the definition in ‘A Discussion Paper on the development and drafting of Regulations on Exploitation for Mineral Resources in the Area (Environmental Matters)’.