

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART 3**

***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:**

African Group of 47 Member 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:

(a) The closure of mining activities is a process that is incorporated into the mining life cycle, ~~including by undertaking activities scheduling studies to inform Closure throughout the period of Exploitation~~ and is conducted in accordance with Good Industry Practice, Best Environmental Practices, Best Available Techniques and Best Available Scientific Evidence

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(d) ~~The necessary health and safety requirements are complied with;~~ Any health and safety issues arising from closure activities are identified and managed ~~requirements related to closure activities;~~

5. The Closure Plan shall be ~~reviewed annually and~~ updated each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work, or, ~~in cases where no such change has occurred,~~ be reviewed ~~every five years~~ and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60 (1).

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

2(a) We support the changes that the Facilitator has made to the paragraph, though we would prefer the wording “undertaking activities” instead of “scheduling studies” to ensure that operations are undertaken proactively rather than simply being scheduled.

2(d) We suggest a minor rephrasing of sub-para (d) for grammatical reasons.

5. We support the inclusion of a 5 year review cycle in cases where no material change has occurred. We would also like to suggest that the words “be reviewed” before “every five years”, thus reading “...in cases where no such change has occurred, be reviewed every five years”. This is simply to make the text clearer.