

**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.**

1. A Contractor shall implement the final Closure Plan ~~in accordance with the conditions of its implementation~~ and shall report to the Secretary-General on the progress of such implementation on an annual basis, including the results of monitoring, ~~conducted in accordance with the applicable Standard and pursuant to the monitoring programme until completion of under paragraph 2 below, as set out in~~ the final Closure Plan

3. ~~Upon completion of implementation of the final Closure Plan,~~ the Contractor shall hire a competent and independent auditor to conduct a final [performance] [compliance] assessment and submit a final [performance] [compliance] report in accordance with the Standards and taking into account relevant Guidelines to the Secretary-General to ensure that the closure objectives as [described] [contained] in the final Closure Plan have been met. Such report shall be reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting, provided that it has been circulated at least 30 Days in advance of the meeting

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

1. We support the deletion of ‘in accordance with the conditions of its implementation’. We would like to amend the end of the sentence beginning after “monitoring” to refer to the applicable standard and monitoring programme and to ensure that the monitoring is conducted until completion of the final closure plan.

3. We have a strong preference to replace “performance assessment” with “compliance assessment” here (and in DR52 Performance assessment of the EMMP). While performance could have several meanings, it is clear that compliance relates to assessment of whether the Contractor’s in the field operations fall within the parameters agreed to at consent of the Plan of Work. For consistency and future proofing, we suggest that “Standards” should also be referred to in this para alongside guidelines.