

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

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. At least 12 months prior to the proposed commencement of production in a Mining Area, the Contractor shall provide to the ~~Secretary-General~~ ~~Commission~~ a Feasibility Study prepared in accordance with Good Industry Practice, taking into account the Guidelines ~~as well as the results of the test mining study pursuant to Regulation [48bis], paragraph 2 or 3, as applicable, and in accordance with Annex [IV ter], and the Secretary General shall submit this matter to the Commission.~~ ~~In the light of the Feasibility Study [and the test mining study], [the Secretary General shall consider whether any Material Change needs to be made to the Plan of Work in accordance with regulation 57 (2). If he or she determines that any such Material Change needs to be made, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Secretary General a revised Plan of Work accordingly] –[If the Commission Secretary-General considers any Material Change needs to be made to the Plan of Work, he or she shall submit this matter to the Commission. If the Commission determines as such, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Commission a revised Plan of Work accordingly].~~

~~3.bis. An application to renew an exploitation contract shall be accompanied by updated Environmental Plans to be reviewed in accordance with the provisions of regulation 11.~~

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

para 1, we feel the Secretary-General, in his administrative remit, should not be required to perform technical analysis of this documentation and consider that these documents should be given to the Commission for their determination on if there has been a material change.

para 3 bis, which discusses application renewal, does not belong in this regulation on ‘Documents to be submitted prior to production’, and is in fact covered by the amended text in regulation 20 para 3.