

**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. — The Commission [or] [and where there is no conflict of interest] [and] the Secretary General, [respectively] [shall] [may], [as the case may require] from time to time, [issue] [prepare] Guidelines of a technical or administrative nature, taking into account the views of [the Council and] relevant Stakeholders. Guidelines will support the implementation of these regulations from an administrative and technical perspective.~~

1. **alt.** The Commission shall, from time to time, develop Guidelines of a technical nature, for the guidance of Contractors in order to assist in the implementation of these Regulations, taking into account the views of relevant Stakeholders.

1. **alt bis.** The Secretary-General shall, from time to time, develop Guidelines of an administrative nature, taking into account the views of the Council, the Commission as well as other relevant Stakeholders.

~~1. **alt ter.** Guidelines will support the implementation of the Regulations from an administrative and technical perspective. Guidelines will also clarify documentation requirements for an application, detail process requirements (e.g. for the public consultation process, annual reporting and periodic review), and provide guidance on the interpretation of regulatory provisions. [The guidelines are only of a recommendatory nature and does not affect the Contractor's performance of the exploitation contract by means other than the guidelines].~~

~~4. — [Guidelines are only of a recommendatory nature and do not affect the Contractor's performance of the Exploitation contract by means other than the Guidelines.]~~

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

We are unsure whether 1 alt, 1 alt bis and 1 alt ter are meant to be alternatives for para 1, or to be combined to replace para 1. We prefer the language of 1 alt and 1 alt bis and would support the inclusion of both as an alternate for para 1, with an added inclusion to 1 alt bis to also take into account the views of the Council.

Regarding 1 alt ter we would be content with the first part of the paragraph, but not the bracketed text at the end and would like for that text to be deleted and the same text in of para 4 given that, for example, *the 'Guidelines for the establishment of baseline environmental data' will* affect Contractor's performance of the exploitation contract, as may the Guidelines for EIA, EIS and EMMP.