

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

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

Environment

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Belgium

3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Article 46bis 'Environmental impact assessment'

4. 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.

Deletion of the article, with a possible addition of some elements to Annex IV of the regulations

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

BE is in favor of integrating the Environmental Impact Statement, as regulated by draft Regulation 47, in the Environmental Impact Assessment process. This integration is not only beneficial for the readability of the Mining Code, but there is also a principal advantage: the Environmental Impact Statement is a full-fledged part of the Assessment. We see no reason to isolate the Statement in a separate Regulation. We have a text proposal for this, going along with a potential change to annex IV of the regulations, in case we want to keep elements of the current draft Reg. 47.