

**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.

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IWG-Environment

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

Japan

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

Part VI Closure plans / Regulation 59、 2 (e)

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.

Unify below terms marked in red:

- **Reg. 59(2) (e)** Any **residual Environmental Effects** continue to be monitored, identified, quantified and reported to the Authority ~~are identified and quantified,~~ and management responses are implemented, including plans for further Mitigation, or remediation where appropriate;
- **Reg. 46bis2 (b)** An Environmental impact assessment and evaluation process to describe and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental Effects of the mining operation, including cumulative impacts and **residual effects** using Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, Best Available Techniques, and Good Industry Practice and taking into account, where applicable:
- **ANNEX IV, Executive Summary (d)** Mitigation measures to minimize environmental impacts and a description of any **residual impacts**; etc.

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

This draft uses several terms to describe “residual effects/impacts” other than “Residual Environmental Effect” in Reg. 59(2) (e). (e.g. "residual effects" in Reg. 46 bis2 (b), "residual impact" in ANNEX IV: Executive Summary (d), and “residual effect” in the same Executive

Summary 7.15 etc.). If they are used with the same meaning, it is better to unify the terms. It should also be defined in the use of terms and scope at the end of the draft.

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~~(f) Any necessary restoration or rehabilitation commitments will be fulfilled in accordance with predetermined criteria or standards by the Contractor;~~

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Restoration and rehabilitation exist as conservation tools in the field of restoration ecology, whose main target areas are, at present, land and coastal areas. In the case of deep-sea ecosystems, restoration and rehabilitation have not yet been established as conservation tools. Also, the meaning of “predetermined criteria or standards” is not clear. If such criteria or standards exist, they should be specified in this Regulation. As this Regulation fails to give clear instructions to Contractors, it should be deleted.