

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
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Annex VIII Paragraph 1(k)
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(k) Information on reporting and management of data and information post-closure including information on how data will be archived and made publicly available post-closure, and how the formatting of submitted datasets and reports will be consistent with best scientific practices;

- **Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]**
- We recommend the addition of text in paragraph 1(k) to specify how post-closure data, information and reports will be made publicly available and will be consistent with best scientific practices, consistent with our proposed change to DR 44 in paragraph 1(a)(iv) as well as with the joint proposal submitted with our UK and Norwegian colleagues on DR 92 and 92bis on the Publication of environmental data and information.

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 2. The level of detail in the Closure Plan is expected to differ between cases involving a temporary suspension of mining operations, cases involving unplanned abandonment of work, and cases involving final mine closure. The content of the Closure Plan is to be commensurate with the nature, extent and duration of activities associated with the level of closure and maturity of the project.

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- We recommend the Closure Plan also cover instances of unplanned abandonment of work due to e.g., financial shortfall, natural disaster.