

**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:

Informal working group on the protection and preservation of the marine environment – IWG ENV

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

United States

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

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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.

1. A Contractor shall (...) and the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan if any.

4. If the Commission determines that the final Closure Plan does not meet the requirements of regulation 59, the Commission shall require the Contractor to make amendments to the final Closure Plan as a condition for recommendation of approval of the plan.

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

In paragraph 1, we propose removing “if any,” to reflect that there will be a REMP in place in advance of commercial mining and therefore of site closure.

In paragraph 4, we propose adjustments to the text to clarify that the LTC does not itself approve the Closure Plan, but rather that the LTC recommends approval of the plan to the Council.