TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION: COUNCIL - PART I

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:

IWG Environment

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

Argentina

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)bis Prepared in accordance with the relevant Regulations—and Regional Environmental Management Plan, taking into account applicable Guidelines and Regional Environmental Management Plan, on the basis of Best Environmental Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, and Best Available Information; and

(i)bis The location and boundaries of planned or established long-term protected areas within the Contract Area as <u>indicated</u> <u>determined</u> in the applicable Regional Environment Management Plan;

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

REMPs are environmental policy tools, not legal instruments, and their provisions are not binding obligations. The REMPs' nature should be reflected in the language used to refer to them, especially in order to distinguish them from other instruments that are actually legally binding and that are sometimes even mentioned in the same sentence (ex.: Regulations and/or Standards).