

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

46bis

**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.**

Regulation 46bis

Environmental impact assessment

(...)

4. The environmental impact assessment process shall:

(a) Be based on relevant baseline data that captures temporal, seasonal and spatial variation in accordance with Standards and taking into account the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan;

(b) Include an environmental risk assessment and a survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage, that takes into consideration the region as a whole, ~~in accordance with~~ taking into account the objectives and measures of the relevant and applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan;

(...)

9. The Environmental Impact Statement shall be in the form prescribed by the Authority in annex IV to these regulations and shall:

(a) Demonstrate that the proposed mining operation is in accordance with all relevant environmental Standards and takes into account ~~with~~ the requirements of the relevant Regional Environmental 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, sometimes, are mentioned in the same sentence (ex.: Standards).