

**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.

Regulation 47

Environmental impact statement

(...)

(b)bis Refer to the relevant baseline data on the status of the marine environment, collected according to the relevant Standard and taking into account the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and ~~to~~ the results of the performed test mining study, where applicable;

(...)

(d) ~~Be in accordance~~Take into account ~~with~~ the objectives and measures of the applicable regional environmental management plan; and

(...)

4. The Environmental Impact Statement shall demonstrate that the proposed mining operation Exploitation is in accordance with all applicable environmental Standards and that takes into consideration ~~with the requirements of~~ the applicable 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).