

**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 49

Pollution control

A Contractor shall take all the necessary and appropriate measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment and coastlines, by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including marine litter and underwater noise, from its activities in the Area. This is to be done in accordance with its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all relevant Rules of the Authority, ~~the relevant applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan~~ and taking account of the applicable Guidelines and the relevant 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.: EMMP).