

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

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Draft Regulation 44bis

3. 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 44bis
Regional Environmental Management Plans**

1. ~~An application for a Plan of Work shall not be considered by t~~ The Commission shall only consider an application for a Plan of Work if until and unless a Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted by the Council for the particular area and type of resource concerned. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Implementing Agreement.

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

We suggest to add “type of resource” as REMPs may focus on specific resource deposits such as nodules or sulphides.