

**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:**

Environment

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

Italy

**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.**

3. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall contain a monitoring programme ~~for at least the first seven years of Exploitation,~~ to be conducted by independent experts and in compliance with the applicable Standards.

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

The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan conducted by independent experts should not be limited only to the first 7 years, but should be provided for the entire duration of the exploitation with frequency of observations to be modulated over time, also based on the findings of these experts. A greater frequency of monitoring is recommended in the first years of exploitation (at least the first 5). Furthermore, monitoring should be modulated according to the intensity of exploitation, the technologies used, the results of previous tests.