

**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:

Environment

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

Italy

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

DR 46 paragraph 2

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.

2. An environmental management system shall, inter alia: [...]

(b) Be audited ~~annually~~ periodically by an independent recognized and accredited international or national organization, in accordance with applicable Standards and Guidelines, at an interval to be agreed to by the Legal and Technical Commission and the Contractor;

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

A precise time indication for audit would be preferable. Should the term “periodically” be accepted, Italy would support the definition of a minimum interval for the audit; for example: *“Be audited periodically, but at least every two (or three) years, by an independent recognized (...)”*.