

**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.**

DR 59 paragraph 5

**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.**

5. In the five years preceding the planned end of the period of Exploitation, the Closure Plan shall be updated annually and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60(1). Otherwise, the Closure Plan shall be reviewed and updated taking into account the results obtained from monitoring post-closure activities and each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work, including new knowledge, technologies, devices and new scientific findings, change of contractor or sponsoring State, ~~or~~ also, in cases where no such Material Change has occurred and no monitoring data and information or improved knowledge or technology has signalled a need for updates, every **five-two** years and at the end of the project and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60 (1).

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

Italy proposes that the Closure Plan be updated every two years instead of five. The current scientific knowledge on the environmental impact of deep-sea mining will evolve rapidly and continuously, affecting the methods of exploitation and protection/monitoring that should be taken into account when reviewing and updating the Closure Plan