

**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:**

IWG Environment

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 46ter

**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.**

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A Contractor shall, pursuant to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan required under Regulation 48 and in accordance with the Standard on environmental monitoring programmes and other applicable Standards and taking account of the relevant guidelines, observe, measure, evaluate and analyse, in accordance with ~~Good Industry Practice~~, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, the environmental ~~metrics relative to~~ thresholds contained in the Standards, and risks to Environmental Effects on the Marine Environment arising from Exploitation ~~following the approval of the Plan of Work~~. It shall keep under surveillance, during all stages of the mining life cycle, the effects of the mining operation to determine whether it is having or likely to have harmful effects on the Marine Environment until post-closure monitoring is concluded.

2. The Contractor shall establish and implement an environmental management and monitoring plan and cooperate with, ~~after approval by~~ the Authority and the sponsoring State or States in the establishment and implementation of the Contractor’s environmental monitoring programmes as well as share findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination.

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

4. The Contractor shall report annually in writing, in accordance with these regulations, to the Secretary-General on the implementation and results of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and the environmental monitoring programme referred to in paragraph 2, in accordance with regulation 38, paragraph 2(g).~~5~~ The Secretary-General shall release publicly environmental data and information in the required standardized format, ~~in an accessible format, in~~ real time or at monthly intervals, if possible, consistent with best scientific practices, environmental data and information in the required standardized format, ~~and~~ in accordance with the applicable Standards, and taking into account the applicable Guidelines. Other

monitoring data; ~~pertaining for example to monitored variations in geochemistry or fauna~~, shall be released annually in the form of a written report. The Secretary-General shall transmit annual reports to the Commission for its consideration pursuant to article 165 of the Convention and publish them pursuant to Regulation 38(3).

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

We also suggest ~~to move~~ moving this regulation to place after regulation 48 (EMMP)