

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

*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 Institutional Matters

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

Argentina

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

Reg. 13, Par. 3 (b) and 4 (e)

**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 (b) The technology [knowledge and] procedures necessary to comply with the terms of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan [and] the Closure Plan, [and taking into account the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan]

[...]

4 (e) [Provides under] [Demonstrates that] [Ensures through] the Environmental Plans, [will secure][to secure] for the effective protection of the Marine Environment in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority, [in particular the fundamental principles and the relevant policies under regulation 2] [in particular the fundamental policies and procedures under regulation 2,] [as well as taking into account the objectives and measures under the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan]

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

REMPs are environmental policy tools, not legal instruments, and their provisions are not binding obligations, same as the “Authority’s environmental policy”. The REMPs’ nature should be reflected in the language used to refer to them, especially in order to distinguish them from other instruments that are actually legally binding and for which a prescriptive language such as “in accordance with” can be used (ex.: Standards, Regulations).