TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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.

1. Name of Working Group:

Institutional matters

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

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

DR 7

- 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. An application shall be prepared in accordance with these regulations [and applicable Standards] [and on the basis of the as well as the respective Regional Environmental Management Plan] and accompanied by the following:
- 5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

At the 28 Session Part II, Norway was encouraged to propose wording in DR 7 para. 3 to accommodate the wish to reference the respective Regional Environmental Plan but recognizing the important difference between the regulations (and standards) and the REMPs.

While REMPs are an important and practical basis for management and decision making it is not a legally binding document and should be referenced accordingly. We consider that "in accordance with" is therefore not a precise reference.

We have suggested "on the basis of". "Taking into account" is another alternative. We remain flexible on the specific wording as long as the difference between the regs and a REMP is clear.