

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

*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:**

Joint submission by The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Germany and other states

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

DR44bis. Regional Environmental Management Plans

**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.**

Red is the original text. Blue represents our suggestions.

1. The Commission shall only consider an application for a Plan of Work if a [if a] [based on the adopted] Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted [~~has been adopted~~] by the Council for the particular area and type of resource concerned.
2. [~~In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Agreement.~~]

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

We would like to retain the original text of DR44bis(1). It is important that the LTC should only consider a Plan of Work once a REMP is in place for the relevant area. The original text better reflects this clear order. Furthermore, this original text was submitted during the second part of the 27<sup>th</sup> session by 17 delegations and the African Group. Please see the original submission attached.

As to DR44bis(2), we suggest deleting the last part of the sentence. We can support prioritizing the drafting of a REMP once a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such REMP exists. However, we feel that the drafting and adopting of a REMP should be a careful process. In that regard, we don't think the phrase 'adopted without any undue delay' is fitting in this context.