

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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.

1. Name of Working Group:

IWG ENV

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

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Red bold text indicate Germany's textual proposals

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.

Regulation 60

Final Closure Plan: cessation of production

1. A Contractor shall, at least 24 months prior to the planned end of Commercial Production, or as soon as is reasonably practicable in the case of any unexpected cessation including a temporary suspension, submit to the Secretary-General, for the consideration of the Commission, **an updated Final** Closure Plan, taking into account the results of monitoring and data and information gathered during the exploitation phase and the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan.

1bis. The Secretary-General shall make the final Closure Plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) available on the Authority's website for a period of at least ~~[60]~~ [90] days and invite members of the Authority and Stakeholders to submit comments in writing.

1 ter. The Secretary-General shall, within [seven calendar days] [14 calendar days] following the close of the commenting period under paragraph 1bis, provide the comments submitted by members of the Authority and Stakeholders, to the applicant Contractor for its consideration and to the Commission. The Contractor shall consider the comments and provide responses to the **substantive comments received**

and shall submit any revised plans and responses to the Commission within 90 days from receiving the comments from the Secretary-General.

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

- As required through this regulation, such mentioned new Closure plan is also required in the case of temporary suspension, we therefore suggest to name it “updated” rather than “final”.
- Regarding the time period for publication / consultation we refer to the results of the stakeholder participation work. We suggest a time period of 90 days is adequate, after potentially 30 years of mining.