

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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.

1. Name of Working Group:

IWG Environment

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

The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Germany, Costa Rica, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Portugal, Federated States of Micronesia, Finland and the African Group

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

DR44bis(2). 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.

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.]

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

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.