

**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:

Informal Working Group – Environment.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 60

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.

1...gathered during the exploitation phase and the ~~applicable-relevant~~ Regional Environmental Management Plan,

1ter ... The Contractor shall consider the comments and provide responses to the substantive ~~and relevant~~ comments received and shall submit any revised plans and responses to the Commission within 90 days ~~from~~ after receiving the comments from the Secretary-General

2. The Commission shall examine the Final Closure Plan and any comments received pursuant to paragraph 1bis and revisions and responses made pursuant to paragraph 1ter ~~within 90 days of receipt of the Final Closure Plan at its next meeting, provided that these have been circulated at least [30] [60] [[90] Days in advance of the meeting or of receipt of the Final Closure Plan.~~ The Commission ~~should~~shall, where necessary and appropriate to ensure sufficient technical expertise, consult external independent experts, identified in accordance with Annex VIII to evaluate the Final Closure Plan.

6. ~~At its next available meeting,~~ †The Commission shall consider any such representations made or any revised final Closure Plan submitted by the Contractor when preparing its report and recommendations to the Council, ~~provided that the representations have been circulated at least [30] [60] [90] Days in advance of that meeting.~~

7.and any recommendations in ~~its~~ the Commission's report to the Council on the final Closure Plan

8. The Council shall consider and take a decision based on the report and recommendation...

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

Paras 1 and 1ter: changes consistent with other regulatory provisions.

Paras 2 and 6: consistent with our comments on regulation 52, paragraph 4, we see it as challenging to link the Commission's consideration and approval of matters or documents to its twice-yearly meetings. The Commission is empowered to work intersessionally, and should examine the Closure Plan, revisions to the Closure Plan or any representations made to that effect, within 90 days of receipt to ensure there is no unnecessary regulatory delay.