

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

Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

Annex VII

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 font** are proposed amendments by the Facilitator in this revised text.
- Our proposed amendments and our questions or comments regarding the facilitator’s remarks are indicated as in-line edits in **blue**. Proposed deletions of text proposed by the facilitator appears in strikethrough and **bold**.

1. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan prepared under these regulations and this annex VII shall be:
 - a. Prepared in clear language and in an official language of the Authority, together with, where applicable, an official English-language version;
 - a. bis Prepared in accordance with the relevant Regulations ~~and Standard [and Regional Environmental Management Plan]~~, taking into account applicable Guidelines ~~[and Regional Environmental Management Plan]~~, on the basis of Best Environmental Practice, ~~Best Available Scientific [Information Evidence]~~, ~~and Best Available Information~~; and
 - b. Verified by the report of ~~independent~~ competent ~~independent experts persons~~ appointed by the Authority.

(...)

~~(nk)~~ A description of a system for ensuring that the plan shall adhere to Good Industry Practice ~~and; Best Available Techniques~~, Best Environmental Practices ~~and Best Available Scientific [Information Evidence]~~, and a description of how such practices are reflected in the proposed Exploitation activities;

(...)

~~(re)~~ Details of ~~Mining Discharges~~, including those defined and regulated by relevant rules and regulations issued by the International Maritime Organization, within the project area;

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

Similar to our comments on the EIS Annex, we do not support moving this content to a Guideline. We consider that an EMMP template should be binding, which would provide clarity to both Contractors and the Regulator on what a 'complete' EMMP entails and ensure consistency across EMMPs, recognizing that contents/expectations will vary amongst member States. Accordingly we do support moving this to a Standard to provide for greater flexibility in updating the template as necessary.