

**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).*

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**President's text**

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**Norway**

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Regulation 18 bis (Please see also Norway's submission on DR46ter in the context of IWG Environment).

**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. Contractors shall comply with these Regulations and the Rules of the Authority, ~~as well as the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan as amended from time to time~~, in a manner consistent with the Convention, the Agreement and the Exploitation Contract.

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

Norway supports a requirement for REMPs to be in place before a POW is awarded in an area and has co-sponsored a proposal in this respect to DR44(1). This is a crucial area management tool for the Authority, which will be updated at regular intervals.

We, however, do not agree with including REMPs in this respect, as these are not legally binding documents for the Contractor to abide by and therefore different from the Regulations and Rules of the Authority, the Agreement and the Contract.

Norway also refers to our submission on DR46ter in the context of IWG Environment, for a further proposed revision to DR18bis.

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Delete Regulation 46ter paragraph 5:

~~5. The Contractor shall allocate sufficient resources and assign roles and responsibilities to implementation of the Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan in relation to the relevant risks and impacts.~~

Add to Regulation 18bis, new paragraph 4:

4. The Contractor shall allocate sufficient resources and assign roles and responsibilities to implementation of their obligations under these Regulations.

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Norway suggests moving Regulation 46ter paragraph 5 to Regulation 18bis as a new paragraph 4. The text has been slightly amended to make the obligation applicable throughout the process.

Norway has also proposed a new structure for the provisions relating to Environmental Monitoring, including Regulation 46ter as a new Regulation 50, please see separate submission.