

**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:

President's text

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

Argentina

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

Reg. 31, par. 1

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, consistent with any applicable Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines, carry out [Exploration and] exploitation [activities] under an Exploitation Contract with reasonable regard for other activities and infrastructure in the Marine Environment, in accordance with Articles 87 and 147 of the Convention, [the Plan of Work] and the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, ~~[Regional Environmental Management Plan]~~ and Closure Plan and taking into account the Regional Environmental Management Plan ~~[and any applicable international rules and standards established by competent international organizations]~~.

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

REMPs are environmental policy tools, not legal instruments, and their provisions are not binding obligations. In that sense, Argentina considers that language regarding REMPs should be in line with this nature. In relation with the last sentence of the paragraph, Argentina considers that the reference to international rules and standards is not precise enough and should be deleted.