

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH 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.im.

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 59

3. 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. A Contractor shall develop a Closure Plan for the Mining Area, in accordance with Regulation 7(3) and 93 bis, Annex VIII to these Regulations, applicable Standards and ~~{consistent with}~~ other Environmental Plans of the Contractor, ~~as well as Standards,~~ ~~{the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan}~~, and taking into consideration the Guidelines and the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan.

1.bis

(b) The marine environment, human health and safety are ensured during Closure ~~{or any temporary suspension}~~ of Exploitation activities ;

(e) Remaining Environmental Effects continue to be monitored, ~~{managed,}~~ Mitigate ~~including remediation, restoration and rehabilitation}~~ and reported for the period prescribed in the Closure Plan; and

[(f) ~~The Mining Area is returned, where [the Contractor in consultation with the Commission determines it to be technically feasible, to a condition resembling its pre-mining condition through active Restoration. Where active Restoration is determined to not be feasible, {~~The Mining Area is rehabilitated, to the extent it is technically feasible to facilitate passive Restoration.~~}~~

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(c) Describe ~~F~~final environmental condition of the area, including the state of remaining [resources], the oceanographic, geological, biological settings, socioeconomic and sociocultural condition, and ensure the risks relating to residual Environmental Effects are identified, quantified, assessed and managed ~~in accordance with~~ taking into

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account Best Available Scientific Information, Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices, which includes the gathering of information relevant to Closure or suspension;

(f) Make and fulfil required disposal, Restoration, where possible, and Rehabilitation commitments in accordance with the ~~{applicable}~~ Standards and taking into consideration the Guidelines;

(g) Ensure that the Exploitation activities are closed or suspended efficiently and safely.

3. A Contractor shall maintain and update its Closure Plan [on the basis of analysis of data and results obtained from implementation of the environmental monitoring and] in accordance with these Regulations, ~~Good Industry Practice, Best Environmental Practices, [Best Available Techniques, Best Available Scientific Information]~~ and the applicable Standards and taking into consideration the Guidelines and Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Information and Best Environmental Practices.

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~~{4.}~~ In the five years preceding the planned end of the period of Exploitation, or any other period, the Closure Plan shall be reviewed ~~updated [annually]~~ and, if necessary, be updated [annually] and be finalized in accordance with Regulation 60(1). Details on the procedures of review of the Closure Plan, including conditions requiring updates thereof, shall be further elaborated in the applicable Standards and ~~taking into consideration the Guidelines~~.

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~~5. If a revised Closure Plan is required, the Contractor shall demonstrate it has engaged with [potentially directly affected] Stakeholders, in accordance with Regulation 93ter, the applicable Standards, and taking into consideration the Guidelines, in its preparation of the revised Closure Plan. The Contractor shall also demonstrate it has conducted consultation with States and Stakeholders regarding the revised Closure Plan in accordance with Regulation 93bis.]~~

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5. The updated Closure Plan shall be subject to Stakeholder consultation in accordance with Regulation 93bis. Coastal states shall be engaged in accordance with Regulation 93ter

~~{6. Provided that the procedure under Regulation 93bis has been completed, the Commission shall, at its next meeting, provided that the documentation has been circulated at least 30 Days before the meeting, examine the revised Closure Plan in the light of any submissions received on the revised Closure Plan in accordance with Regulation 93bis.]~~

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

(2)g: efficiently is unclear in this context

5: We suggest streamlining the language of para 5 with Reg. 50(3)

Paragraph 6 is covered by Reg. 57