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Title of the draft being reviewed:	Draft guideline on the preparation and assessment of an application for the approval of a Plan of Work for exploitation and review template
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General Comments	
The draft reviewed is not fit for purpose/adoption yet.	
The draft presents a checklist repeating the exact formal requirements as already contained in the Draft Regulations. While the list may accordingly be helpful for contractors and the LTC, it however does not qualify as a "Guideline" as a result of its (lack of) substance. The checklist should not distract from the obligation to comply with the exploitation regulation.	
The draft should be regularly updated in order to ensure that the checklist actually contains all the crucial elements which form a comprehensive basis for an informed decision-making process by the LTC and other organs of the Authority in relation to the question whether the mineral-related activity, as envisaged by the Plan of Work under consideration, can be conducted in a manner which effectively protects the marine environment from the harmful effects it may cause.	
Specific Comments	
No specific comments at this time.	