

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART 2**

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.*

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

African Group of 47 Member States

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

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**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~~ The Contractor, ~~through the~~ pursuant to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan required under Regulation 48, shall observe, measure, evaluate and analyse, **in accordance with Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques**, the environmental risks or ~~effects of pollution and other hazards to~~ the Marine Environment ~~of arising from~~ the mining operation following the approval of the Plan of Work. It shall keep under surveillance the effects of the mining operation to determine whether it is **having or** likely to have harmful effects on the Marine Environment until post-closure monitoring is concluded.

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4. In implementing paragraph 1, the Sponsoring State and Contractor shall **maintain** ~~consultations, including a system of prior notification,~~ with any **adjacent** coastal State ~~across whose jurisdiction resource deposits in the Area lie,~~ with a view to avoiding infringement of their rights and **legitimate** interests, in accordance with Regulation 4.

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

Regarding para (1), we propose removal of ‘of pollution and other hazards’ as all effects to the marine environment should be included we believe that it should be specified that the monitoring must be conducted until the post-closure phase is concluded.

Regarding para 3, we support the addition of more frequent releases of data. Annual reporting alone is not sufficient for the ISA's ongoing monitoring of Contractors during exploitation. We believe that more frequent reporting against key environmental indicators is necessary and should be specified in the relevant Standard and Guideline. The Contractor should be required, where practicable, to provide key environmental performance data to the ISA in real-time, or at a minimum monthly.

Regarding para (4), we agree that Coastal states should, where necessary, be consulted. However, it should not be limited to those with straddling mineral deposits, but rather any adjacent coastal state.