

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

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:

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Draft Regulation 53

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.

**Regulation 53
Emergency Response and Contingency Plan**

1. A Contractor shall maintain:

(a) The currency and adequacy of its Emergency Response and Contingency Plans based on the identification of potential Incidents and in accordance with Good Industry Practice, Best Available Techniques, Best Environmental Practices and the applicable Standards and Guidelines and shall be tested at least annually; and

(b) Such resources, training and procedures as are necessary for the prompt execution and implementation of the Emergency Response and Contingency Plans and any Emergency Orders issued by the Authority including on-vessel presence at all times of personnel authorised and trained to implement the Plan.

2. Contractors, the Authority and sponsoring States shall ~~facilitate consult together, as well as with other States and organizations which appear to have an interest, in relation to~~ the exchange of knowledge, information and experience relating to Incidents, using such knowledge and information to prepare and revise standards and operating guidelines to prevent, reduce and control pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment, including the coastline, throughout the mining life cycle ~~control hazards~~ and shall cooperate with and draw on the advice of other relevant international organizations.

2alt The Authority shall facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information and experience relating to incidents between Contractors and States, and shall draw on the advice of other relevant international organizations, so that such knowledge and information can be used by:

a. Contractors to meet their requirements, inter alia under regulation 53(1), and by

b. the Authority to prepare and revise relevant Standards and Guidelines, where appropriate.

3. Following an Incident, a Contractor must submit a detailed report on ~~how~~whether the plan was adequate and to what extent it was complied with, including, among other aspects, expenses incurred, responsibilities and updating of the plan if necessary.

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

We support the amendments inserted by the Facilitator, if not indicated otherwise. In addition, we propose a few amendments, also in tracked changes. We support the alternative wording to Paragraph 2, as inserted here as 2alt, which was proposed to the meeting. It aims to clarify roles and responsibilities, i.e. that it falls on: i) the ISA to facilitate the exchange of information, ii) Contractors to conform to requirements, and iii) the ISA to prepare and revise regulatory instruments.