

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 and send to [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).*

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

Submitted by WODA

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

Draft Reg. 44(bis)

**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.**

*Alt 1* An application for a Plan of Work shall not be considered by the Commission until and unless a Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted by the Council for the particular area concerned. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Implementing Agreement.]

~~*Alt 2* Before the establishment of a Regional Environmental Management Plan REMP in all the regions where exploration contracts already exist, the commercial production in the Area shall not be allowed.~~

*Alt 3* A Regional Environmental Management Plan for the particular area concerned should be adopted by the Council before seeking the application for a Plan of Work for that area. In the event, that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted within one year without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Implementing Agreement.

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

- We support Alt 3 or Alt 1, but not Alt 2. It does not seem reasonable that a REMP should be needed in each region where exploration contracts already exist before any commercial production in the Area is allowed. It would seem reasonable that a REMP must be established in a region before commercial production is allowed in that same region.