

**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.*

**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.**

Annex III bis – Scoping Report

**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.**

[A Scoping Report should be submitted to the Authority in accordance with the relevant Standard and Guidelines, and should include:

(a) A brief description of the proposed Exploitation activities and any ancillary features, including what is known or anticipated about where the mining will occur within a Contract Area and the mining machinery to be used.

(b) A description of what is known about the environmental setting for the project (Contract Area and regional setting).

(c) Summary of existing environmental baseline studies, including a description of methodology for collecting and analyzing the baseline data.

(d) Description of the technical, spatial and temporal boundaries for the EIA.

(e) A list of any assumptions relied upon and identification and quantification of the uncertainties at this stage of the EIA, how they are being addressed, and assessment of their implications to the environmental risk assessment findings

(f) A preliminary impact analysis which ranks the importance of issues for the EIA and evaluates the need for further information, taking into account the environmental risk assessment.

(g) An environmental risk assessment, which includes:

new (i) the identification of potential hazards

(i) the environmental consequence for each identified potential impact (the magnitude of the impact and the receptor characteristics),

(ii) the likelihood of the consequence occurring;

(iii) the confidence levels of experts, in order to account for uncertainty and a precautionary approach;

(h) A description of the methodology employed in the environmental risk assessment

(i) A description of the results of the environmental risk assessment, including identification of high priority risks for local and regional ecosystem functioning over short and long term

requiring particular focus in the subsequent impact assessment phase of the EIA;

(j) A preliminary Stakeholder list that proactively identifies likely Stakeholders, and an indicative schedule and methodology for engagement with key Stakeholders throughout the EIA process;

(k) A report of consultations undertaken during scoping;

(l) Consideration of feasible alternative means of carrying out the project that will be examined in detail in the EIA, and any others that have been discounted at this stage, and the reasons for that selection;

(m) A draft Terms of Reference for the EIA, which identifies the activities and studies planned for the EIA, and any additional baseline data that will be required;

(n) Explanation for how the activities and studies planned for the EIA will be sufficient to determine likely environmental impacts, and to propose Mitigation and management strategies and monitoring methodology;

(o) A note describing and explaining any divergence from relevant ISA Guidelines.]

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

We support the inclusion of this Annex and propose only minor amendments. Under (g) we propose a new (i) as the identification of potential hazards should be the first step in a risk assessment.