

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

IWG Institutional Matters

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Argentina

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

Reg. 15, Par. 2 (b) (iv) and 2 (c)

4. 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.

2 (b) (iv) an Area of Particular Environmental Interest or any other site disapproved for exploitation by the Council [, or that sets a spatial or temporal protective measure], ~~as determined as indicated~~ in the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan;

[...]

~~2 (c) [Such approval would undermine or contradict the regional goals, objectives or measures set out in the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan].~~

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

REMPs are environmental policy tools, not legal instruments, and their provisions are not binding obligations, same as the “Authority’s environmental policy”. The REMPs’ nature should be reflected in the language used to refer to them, especially in order to distinguish them from other instruments that are actually legally binding and for which a prescriptive language such as “in accordance with” can be used (ex.: Standards, Regulations). In that sense, Argentina cannot support the inclusion of paragraph 2 (c).