

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

**Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement**

*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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters

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

China

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

Regulation 7 Form of applications and information to accompany a Plan of Work

**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.**

**\*Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

3. An application shall be prepared in accordance with these regulations [and applicable Standards] [~~as well as in line with~~ the respective Regional Environmental Management Plan] and accompanied by the following

~~3 (a)bis. A test mining study prepared in accordance with Regulation [48bis] Paragraph 2 or 3, as applicable, and Annex [IVter]]~~

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

Regarding the paragraph 3, The Regional Environmental Management Plan (REMP) is an environmental management tool and is not legally binding, so "as well as" should be replaced with "in line with".

Regarding paragraph 3. (a)bis., It is proposed that this paragraph be deleted. The discussion will be held after the conclusion of the discussion of the intersessional working group relating the test mining. In addition, test mining should not be a prerequisite for applying for an exploitation work plan.