

**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:

Informal WG on the protection and preservation of the marine environment

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

Annex VIII: Closure Plan

Green text is in original draft; **blue text** indicates Germany's textual proposals

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.

1. The Closure Plan or Final Closure Plan shall be prepared and implemented in accordance with regulation 7, the Environmental Management System, Standards and taking into account the relevant Guidelines and the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and shall include the following information:

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(b) The period during which the plan will be required, which shall be determined by reference to a specified duration, achievement of a specified event or target indicator or compliance with specified terms agreed with the Authority and shall relate to the objectives of the Environmental Impact Assessment, **such as recovery of impacted environment**;

(c) Coordinates showing the area(s) subject to the closure objectives accompanied by a map;

(d) A summary of the relevant regulatory requirements, including conditions previously documented, e.g. baselines;

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(g) A summary of the Environmental Impact Statement entailing an updated environmental impact assessment for the activities that will be undertaken during closure, if any, together with details of the identifiable **[residual] [remaining]** Environmental Effects, including any relevant technical documents or reports **as well as the expected period until recovery of the environment towards natural state conditions**;

(h) Details of monitoring to be undertaken during and after closure ([comparable to monitoring efforts prior and during exploitation](#)) that specify the sampling design (spatial and temporal sampling), the methods to be used and the duration of the post-closure activities;

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[\[\(kj\)\] Documentation of environmental recovery and](#) details of any anticipated residual impacts that may remain even after Mitigation measures;

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[\[\(ml\)\]](#) Details of the persons or entity (subcontractor, consultant(s)) that will carry out the monitoring and management measures under the Closure Plan or Final Closure Plan, including their qualification(s) and experience, together with details of the budget ([incl. inflation adjustment for long-term monitoring](#)), project management plan and the protocols for reporting to the Authority under the Closure Plan or Final Closure Plan;

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

Germany suggests that post-closure monitoring should occur until recovery is achieved and for any recovery progress to be documented. That will also provide valuable information for the Authority in terms of recovery rates and durations.