

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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.

Draft Regulation 60

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

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.

Regulation 60

Final Closure Plan: cessation of production

1. [A Contractor shall, at least 24 months prior to the planned end of Commercial Production, or as soon as is reasonably practicable in the case of any unexpected cessation including a temporary suspension, submit to the Secretary-General, for the consideration of the Commission, a Final Closure Plan, taking into account the results of monitoring and data and information gathered during the exploitation phase and the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan.]

1bis. The Secretary-General shall make the final Closure Plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) available on the Authority's website [[for a period of at least 60 days]] and invite members of the Authority and Stakeholders to submit comments in writing [[within 90 days].]

[1 ter. The Secretary-General shall, within [seven calendar days] [14 calendar days] following the close of the commenting period under paragraph 1bis, provide the comments submitted by members of the Authority and Stakeholders, to the applicant Contractor for its consideration and to the Commission. The Contractor shall consider the comments and provide responses to the comments and shall submit any revised plans and responses to the Commission within 90 days from receiving the comments from the Secretary-General.]

[2. The Commission shall examine the Final Closure Plan and any comments received pursuant to paragraph 1bis and revisions and responses made pursuant to paragraph 1ter at its next meeting, provided that these have been circulated at least [30] [60] Days in advance of the meeting. The Commission should, where necessary and appropriate to ensure sufficient technical

expertise, consult external **independent** experts, identified in accordance with Annex [VIII] to evaluate the Final Closure Plan.]

3. If the Commission determines that the final Closure Plan meets the requirements of Regulation 59, it shall recommend approval of the final Closure Plan to the Council.

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