

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

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Informal Working Group – Environment.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation. 48(3)(d) and (g)

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.

(d) Identify substantive and relevant comments received through public consultation on the environmental impact assessment and explain how each substantive and relevant comment has been incorporated or otherwise addressed,

~~(g) Be peer reviewed by competent independent experts, before submission and include a description of the experts, their qualifications, and the results of their review.~~

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

(d) Not all comments will be relevant to the EIA. Consequently, the above qualifier should be added to the text.

(g) We do not consider this step necessary as the document will be reviewed by the Commission and subject to stakeholder review. The Commission can also engage experts directly should they so require such external expertise.

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1. An applicant or Contractor shall prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with this regulation, the applicable Standards and take account of the applicable Guidelines. Such an Environmental Impact Statement shall be considered by the Authority in accordance with Part II or Regulation 57 and is required for an application for a plan of work pursuant to Regulation 7(3)(d).

~~4. The Environmental Impact Statement should, but not limited to, entail the following elements, which are described in greater detail in [Annex IV/ Standard]:.....~~

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We consider the level of detail set out in paragraph 4 overly prescriptive for regulations and should be placed in standards or guidelines as the case may be to retain flexibility in putting through future amendments.