

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

China

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

Regulation 44 bis Regional Environmental Management Plans

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.

***Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

2. In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised. [and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Agreement].

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

Currently, not all regions have passed a regional environmental management plan (REMP) , and the regulations are silent on how contractors in regions that have not adopted a REMP can have equal access to the exploitation phase, which goes against the principle of equal rights. Based on the principle of equality, if an applicant submits an application in a region that does not have a REMP, the ISA should develop a REMP for that region without delay and make it a priority.