

**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:

France

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

Regulation 38 – Annual report

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.

Amendment of sub-paragraph g)bis:

(g) bis : A statement indicating whether and how the results obtained from environmental monitoring programmes help to reduce knowledge gaps, particularly with respect to Environmental Impacts of activities in the Area, and help to support the identification and improvement of Environmental Practices.

Replacement of existing sub-paragraph g) ter:

(g) ter Details on the actions taken yearly for the reduction of the following environmental footprints: air pollution, discharges of waste-water and generation of waste. of all revenues and operating costs associated with activities in handling and processing, including carbon emissions, to the degree available to support transparent identification of Best Environmental Practices;

Inclusion of a new sub-paragraph g) quat:

4. (g) quat: Details of all operating costs associated with environmental measures.

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

The French delegation suggests that:

- paragraph g)bis be supplemented to indicate that the results obtained by the monitoring programme should not only help to reduce knowledge gaps but also help to improve Environmental Practices ; this proposal is in line with Regulation 3, which requires the Contractors to share the findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination and to extend such cooperation and collaboration to the

implementation and further development of Best Environmental Practices in connection with activities in the Area ;

- existing paragraph g)ter be deleted as we do not consider the identification of best environmental practices, including carbon reduction, to be deducible from operating costs and revenues but rather from the monitoring programme (see gbis) and specific actions (see gter below); the best environmental practices must be dissociated from the activities of each operator and must be defined prior to any operation and periodically reviewed by the Authority in the light of technical developments and contributions from contractors;
- paragraph g)ter be rewritten with the aim to estimate the efforts made by Contractors from one year to another to reduce emissions of atmospheric pollutants and waste generation, and to improve wastewater treatment;
- paragraph g)quat be added ; the annual activity report should detail the operating costs associated with the environmental measures ; this proposal intends to objectify the efforts made by the Contractors to ensure the effective preservation of the environment.