

**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 52 – Performance assessments of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

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.

Modification of para. 52.2:

2. The frequency of a performance assessment shall be in accordance with the period specified in the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and shall ~~occur at least every 24 months~~be undertaken by an Independent Auditor on an annual basis and by an accredited international or national organization every three years, pursuant to Regulation 50bis

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

With regard to the frequency of the performance assessment, the French delegation considers that the prescribed requirement (at least every 24 months) is not consistent with the international standards for responsible mining on land. Most of these standards (IRMA, ICMM, VDMD...) and the ISO 14001 stipulate that the assessment of the performance should be undertaken according to the following schedule: internally on an annual basis and externally every 3 years.

The French delegation proposes the adoption and reinforcement of this scheme:

- on an annual basis by the competent and Independent Auditor mentioned in Regulation 52.3,
- on a three-year basis by an independent recognized and accredited international or national organization, pursuant to Regulation 50bis, the assessment is conducted.