

ISA 29th Session, Part II – Reading of the Draft Consolidated Text

Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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Regulation 44 bis - Regional Environmental Management Plans

In **paragraph 1**, as stated by many during the past meetings and as submitted by a large number of countries through written procedure, Germany insists to see the brackets lifted so that the sentence reads: *“The Commission shall **only** consider an application for a Plan of Work [if a] Regional Environmental Management Plan **has been adopted** by the Council for the particular area and type of resource concerned.”*

It is essential that the LTC only considers a Plan of Work once a REMP is in place for the relevant area.

As to **paragraph 2**, we support the deletion of the last part of the sentence. We can support prioritizing the drafting of a REMP once a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such REMP exists. However, we feel that the drafting and adoption of a REMP should be a careful process. In that regard, we do not think the phrase *‘adopted without any undue delay’* is fitting in this context.