

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 31TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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:

Germany

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

Annex X.bis - PRZ and IRZ

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.

2. The applicant needs to demonstrate that the Impact Reference Zones and Preservation Reference Zones~~IRZ/PRZs~~ are ~~[environmentally]~~ [ecologically] similar before the commencement of mining. ~~{Additional Impact Reference Zones and Preservation Reference Zones have to be introduced subsequently, once areas ecologically dissimilar from the primary Preservation Reference Zones are impacted, to warrant future comparability.}~~

13. Isolation of ~~PRZs~~Preservation Reference Zone is important. Any ~~PRZ~~Preservation Reference Zone will by definition have to remain unimpacted throughout the post-mining monitoring period.

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

We are pleased to have an Annex on preservation reference zones and impact reference zones. These are important environmental management tools and will help the Authority determine compliance with the regulations.

We agree with most of the suggested changes in this Annex, especially in paragraphs 2 and 13. We also support the proposed new text in paragraph 2.