

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 31TH 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.im.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Russian Federation

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

Annex Xbis

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.

1. IRZs and PRZs must be situated within the Contract Area. PRZs are predominantly situated within the Contract Area. A few Contractors may agree to establish joint PRZs if it meets the criteria for designation of PRZs. Location of PRZs inside existing APEIs or other protected areas is also possible, (and the Contract Area may need to be selected around the need for appropriate IRZ/PRZs, especially where multiple or large reference zones are required)

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1. Impact Reference Zones and Preservation Reference Zones must be situated within the Contract Area. Preservation Reference Zones are predominantly situated within the Contract Area. A few Contractors may agree to establish joint Preservation Reference Zones if it meets the criteria for designation of Preservation Reference Zones. Location of Preservation Reference Zones inside existing APEIs or other protected areas is also possible, (and the Contract Area may need to be selected around the need for appropriate Impact Reference Zones and Preservation Reference Zones, especially where multiple or large reference zones are required)

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2. The applicant needs to demonstrate that the Impact Reference Zones and Preservation Reference Zones are environmentally and 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.

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8. Preservation Reference Zones must be areas that will not be impacted by Exploitation activities from any Contractor, including impacts from operational and discharge plumes and including during the post-closure period. Preservation Reference Zones should also be free as far as possible from impacts of other industrial activities. Preservation Reference Zones should have to remain unimpacted throughout the post-mining monitoring period.

~~13. Isolation of Preservation Reference Zone is important. Any Preservation Reference Zone will by definition have to remain unimpacted throughout the post-mining monitoring period.~~ *(This paragraph duplicates paragraph 8)*

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