

## **ISA 29th Session, Part I – Reading of the Draft Consolidated Text**

### Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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#### **Regulation 29 and 29 alt - Reduction or suspension in production**

We support all the edits and deletions in DR 29 and can accept its current shape and form provided that DR 29 bis is accepted, outlining the procedure for potential suspensions. We also accept the deletion of DR 29 alt, but suggest that certain elements, such as the need to “avoid inefficient mining practices” and “minimize the generation of waste in the conduct of exploitation in the Area”, be incorporated into the contractual obligation of contractors as part of good industry practice. This can be done through the documents accompanying a plan of work (e.g. Mining Workplan as in Annex II of the regulations), or directly imposed through the contract itself, e.g. in Annex IX, X or XI of the regulations, or including the above as examples in the definition of ‘good industry practice’ in the Schedule to the regulations, or through Guidelines (as suggested in the Suspense Document).