

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS OF
THE ONLINE FORUM ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
(29 JANUARY-12 FEBRUARY 2018)**

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Paragraph ID #	Suggested change¹	Explanation
General		PRRI compliments the moderator for moderating this online debate and for producing a report that conveys the diversity of views expressed. One general observation is that the report does not always make clear whether certain quoted statements are in line with - or divert from - the majority view.
22	Delete the heading	While in other parts of the document subheadings are given to a substantial number of posts that addressed the same topic, in this case a subheading is given to only one post.
23	Delete the heading	The posts reflected in paragraphs 22 and 23 do not discuss 'other approaches of RARM' but discussed the use probability theory and attention for centres of origin within RARM.
30	Add "some submissions noted that MOP8 did not endorse or welcome the voluntary guidance, but instead only 'took note' of it".	To place the various views in perspective, this is the actual MOP decision.
43	Move this paragraph on gaps to the reporting on Topic 3	This paragraph talks about gaps. However, topic 2 focused on information and views on existing guidance materials on risk assessment, while Topic 3 addressed gaps.

46	Add at the end: "Some highlighted that the MOP8 decision refers to "needs", "priorities" and "gaps", that not every need constitutes a gap, and that we need clear criteria as to what constitutes a gap."	
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63-74		The level of detail of the section " <i>Perceived gaps on specific classes of organisms</i> " compared with the level of detail of the section " <i>No perceived gaps in RA currently</i> " wrongly represents what the majority views of the posts was.
	Move the section "No perceived gaps in RA currently" before the section "Process for establishing whether a gap exists and how to address it"	The process for establishing whether a gap exists and how to address it should take into account the views under " <i>Perceived gaps on specific classes of organisms</i> " as well as the posts under " <i>No perceived gaps in RA currently</i> "

1 Proposals to add, move or delete text in the draft document may be accompanied by a brief explanation.