

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Informal Working Group – Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@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.

Regulation 96

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation 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. The Authority’s Inspectorate is hereby established. The Council shall establish appropriate mechanisms for inspection, as provided for in article 162 (2) (z) of the Convention.

—The inspectorate shall be independent.

2. The Contractor shall permit the Authority to send its Inspectors, who may be accompanied by a representative of its State or other party concerned, in accordance with article 165 (3) of the Convention, aboard vessels and Installations, whether offshore or onshore, used by the Contractor to carry out Exploitation activities under an exploitation contract, as well as to enter its offices wherever situated. To that end, Members of the Authority, in particular the sponsoring State or States, shall assist the Council, the Secretary-General and Inspectors in discharging their functions under the Rules of the Authority.

3. The ~~Secretary-General~~Inspector shall give reasonable notice to the Contractor of the projected time and duration of inspections, the names of the Inspectors and any activities that the Inspectors are to perform that are likely to require the availability of special equipment or special assistance from the personnel of the Contractor, save in situations where the ~~Secretary-General~~Inspector has reasonable grounds to consider the matter to be so urgent that notice cannot be given, in which case the ~~Secretary-General~~Inspector may, where practicable, exercise the right to conduct an inspection without prior notification.

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

The establishment of the inspectorate should not be postponed. “Secretary-General” will have to be substituted by “inspectors” or “inspectorate” in various provisions.