

**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:

Belgium

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

Regulation 100

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.

**Regulation 100
Inspectors to report**

1. At the end of an inspection, the Inspector shall prepare a report, setting out, inter alia, his or her general findings and any recommendations for improvements in procedures or practices by the Contractor. The Inspector^{ate} shall send the report to the Secretary-General, and the Secretary-General shall send a copy of the report to the Contractor and to the sponsoring State or States and, if appropriate, the relevant coastal State or States and the flag State.

2. The Secretary-General shall report annually to the Council on the findings and recommendations following the inspections conducted in the prior Calendar Year, as compiled in a report by the Inspectorate, and shall make any recommendations to the Council on any regulatory action to be taken by the Council under these regulations and an exploitation contract. The report by the Inspectorate shall be published on the Authority’s website.

3. The Secretary-General shall report acts of violence, intimidation or abuse against or the wilful obstruction or harassment of an Inspector by any person or the failure by a Contractor to comply with regulation 96 to the sponsoring State or States and the flag State of any vessel or Installation concerned for consideration of the institution of proceedings under national law.

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

Belgium is in favor of the establishment of an Inspectorate, functionally independent of the Secretary-General.

The Inspectorate should be required to report on its inspections on an annual basis to the Council, via the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall make any recommendations to the Council on any regulatory action to be taken by the Council under the regulations and an exploitation contract, on the basis of the Inspectorate's report.

For the sake of transparency, Belgium is of the opinion that the report of the Inspectorate should be published on the Authority's website.