

**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:

Japan

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

Regulation 96, Paragraph 3

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.

3.The Secretary-General 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 may without prior notification direct an inspection of the Contractor’s activities in accordance with regulation 4(5) where the Secretary-General has reasonable grounds to consider the matter to be so urgent that notice cannot be given, in which case the Secretary-General may, where practicable, exercise the right to conduct an inspection without prior notification.~~

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

Provisions under regulations 96, paragraph 3, needs to be consistent with Regulation 4 (5), which provides the Secretary-General shall direct an inspection in case where the Commission (not Secretary-General) considers there are clear grounds for believing that Serious Harm to the Marine Environment is likely to occur or has occurs, and it is attributable to the breach of the Contractor of the terms and conditions of the exploitation contract.