

**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 97, paragraph1

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 Council, based on the recommendations of the Commission, shall determine the relevant qualifications and experience appropriate to the areas of duty of an Inspector under this Part **save in situations where the Secretary-General shall direct an inspection of the Contractor’s activities in accordance with regulation 4(5). Based on the specified qualifications and experiences, a roster of candidates for Inspectors, including the members of the Commission as provided in article 165 (3) of the Convention, shall be made by the Secretariat.**

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

It needs to be consistent with provision under Regulation 4 (5), as it addresses the case where the Secretary-General shall direct an inspection of the Contractor’s activities in accordance with regulation 4(5). Japan also suggests creating lists of professionals, from various fields such as marine geology, marine minerals, mining, marine biology, accounting, legal affairs, marine environment and so forth, who are considered by the Secretariat to be qualified. When inspection is required, the Secretariat, sponsoring states and other state parties concerned select an Inspector from the lists through consultation. As article 165, paragraph 3 of the Convention envisages members of the Commission carry out the function of supervision and inspection, members of the Commission may be registered on the list as well.