

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

***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](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

UK

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

Regulation 96

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline 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.bis The Council shall approve and maintain a code of conduct for Inspectors and inspections, that takes into account the principles in paragraph (1) and includes provisions on identifying and managing conflicts of interest, and on information management and confidentiality.

2. The Contractor shall permit the Authority to send its Inspectors, who ~~[may]~~**[shall upon request by sponsoring States or other party be concerned]** be accompanied by a representative of the ~~its~~ sponsoring State or other party concerned, ~~in accordance with article 165 (3) of the Convention~~, aboard all 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.

**6. Inspectors shall:**

(a) Follow ~~[all reasonable]~~ instructions and directions pertaining to the safety of life at sea given to them by the Contractor ~~and;~~ the ~~captain~~ **master** of the vessel ~~or other relevant safety officers aboard vessels and Installations;~~ and

(b) ~~[To the maximum extent possible,]~~ Refrain from any undue interference with the ~~[safe and]~~ normal operations of the Contractor and of vessels and Installations, unless

the Inspector has reasonable grounds for believing that the Contractor is operating in breach of its obligations under an exploitation contract.

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

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- Para 1 (bis) – The UK welcomes addition of a code of conduct for Inspectors and inspections.
- Para 2 – The UK can support “shall”. The reference to Article 165(3) here is inappropriate as that Article relates to the LTC undertaking inspections not an inspectorate so the cross-reference confuses the issue.
- Para 6 (a) –The UK considers that reference to a “captain” should be a “master”.
- Para 6 (b), The UK can accept the first deletion. The UK considers that “safe” should remain as there could be a safety issue outside of the normal operations of the vessel.