

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

Informal Working Group on 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 council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

China

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

Regulation 97 Inspectors: Appointment and supervision

4. 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.

***Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

[1.Alt 1. The Council shall establish a roster of inspectors, based on the recommendations of the Commission on the relevant qualifications and appropriate experience required to perform their duties under these Regulations. [The roster shall be administrated by the ~~Inspectorate~~ Secretary-General].

2. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Council on the appointment, supervision and direction of Inspectors, and on an inspection programme and schedule, ~~[under the inspection mechanism]~~ [for the Inspectorate] established by the Council in regulation 96 (1) and in accordance with the Standards and taking into account the Guidelines.

3. The ~~[Secretary-General]~~ [Inspectorate] shall manage and administer such inspection programme, including the appointment of Inspectors at the direction of the Council.

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

Regarding paragraph 1. Alt 1, the Convention neither provides for nor presupposes the establishment of a so-called inspection body in the future. China supports the establishment of the roster of the Inspector by the Council on the recommendation of the LTC, to be administered by the Secretary-General.

Regarding paragraph 2, the Convention neither provides for nor presupposes the establishment of a so-called inspection body in the future. It is suggested to delete “the Inspectorate” and retain the original text.

Regarding paragraph 3, the Convention neither provides for nor presupposes the establishment of a so-called inspection body in the future, so it is suggested to delete “Inspectorate”. The Secretary-General, as the chief administrative officer of the Authority, shall exercise the functions of administering the inspection program under the direction of the Council.