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

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:

Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

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- 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.
 - [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 roaster shall be administrated by the Inspectorate with the support of the Secretariat].

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

We support the inclusion of paragraph 1. Alt 1. We do not think the Secretariat should be in charge of establishing a roster of Inspectors. The Secretariat should of course continue to play an administrative role, i.e. in administering inspection, but there is merit at the same time to have an Inspectorate body comprising all the inspectors that could administer the roster. Further, while we are open to the proposal to create a Compliance Committee at the Council, to which the inspectors could report to in the event of non-compliance perhaps through the LTC, it does not necessarily have to be the case that the Compliance Committee itself administers the roster for inspection. Finally, we believe the Council should detail (perhaps through directives) how the LTC should base its recommendations for inspectors, including the process upon which nominations could be made by member states or otherwise. We look forward to discussing this at the next meeting.