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:

IWG - Environment

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 52(2)bis(d)

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.

[(d) When deemed necessary by the Council in response to third-party or whistle-blower information submitted to the Council.]

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

As to sub-paragraph (d), we would not consider it appropriate for any such information to be submitted to the Council in the first instance, as the information should be initially investigated and verified.

Such investigation and verification could be a function of an "inspectorate" under consideration by the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement, and any appropriate action taken, including bringing the matter to the attention of the Council or Commission for its consideration. We may need to fine tune the approaches and language in Part XI first and revisit the appropriateness of the language in sub-paragraph (d).