

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS AFTER THE 28TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART II**

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:** Federated States of Micronesia

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

Draft exploitation regulation 96bis(2)(h)

- 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.**

(h). Investigate allegations from members of the Authority, members of the Commission, relevant adjacent coastal States or the Secretary-General, as well as from observers of the Authority and other Stakeholders on possible instances of Contractor non-compliance, including through any whistleblowing procedures under regulation 101 bis.

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

Micronesia proposes the edit above to clarify that the coastal States of relevance to the investigation of allegations described here are adjacent coastal States. We acknowledge cross-cutting discussions on (adjacent) coastal States by an intersessional working group, though, and we are prepared to engage with the outputs from that working group. We are open to using different formulations of adjacency (e.g., “relevant coastal States, including those adjacent to areas under investigation”)