TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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 <u>council@isa.org.jm</u>.

- 1. Name of Working Group: Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal: Australia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

DR96 – proposed amendments in green; black text and tracked changes text is from Facilitator's fourth revised draft circulated prior to the November 2023 Council meeting.

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.

The inspection mechanism

1. The Commission shall establish a Compliance Committee, within the Commission, pursuant to regulation 96 bis.

2. The Secretary-General shall appoint an officer with suitable qualifications to be Chief Inspector. The Chief Inspector shall undertake the day-to-day management and administration of a Roster of Inspectors and inspection programme.

3. The Council shall, on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission, approve and maintain a code of conduct for Inspectors based on the principles of independence, transparency, accountability and non-discrimination.

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

The Regulations as currently drafted provide little detail on what should be included in the code of conduct. While Australia does not consider that the Regulations need to prescribe in detail what will be contained in the Code, we consider it useful to outline the key principles and assumptions that should guide its creation.