

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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 bis. States Parties may, subject to the requirements of this regulation, nominate its nationals as Inspectors for consideration, ~~and [individual applications may be submitted directly for]~~ inclusion in the Roster of Inspectors. Nominees ~~[and applicants]~~ will be considered against the qualification and experience requirements.

~~5. The Authority will cooperate with the Sponsoring State or State to ensure that inspections performed by Inspectors are aligned with enforcement at the national level. Inspectors shall report to the Compliance Committee in writing regarding any difficulties relating to the enforcement of the measures.~~

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

Regarding paragraph 1 bis, the States Parties should nominate their own nationals as inspectors, which is more in line with general international practice.

Regarding paragraph 5, Articles 162 (2) (z) and 165 (2) (m) of the Convention stipulate the responsibilities of inspectors, the inspection activities of inspectors are obviously different from the domestic law enforcement of sovereign States. It is required to ensure that the inspections performed by inspectors are aligned with enforcement at the national level, on the one hand, the meaning is unclear, and on the other hand, it is not feasible. It is recommended to delete them.