

**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 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:**
Japan

- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**
Regulation 97 para 1bis and para 2

- 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 bis. States Parties may, subject to the requirements of this regulation, nominate 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. Equitable geographical representation and gender balance will also be considered, in line with the Convention principle. Subject to considerations of protection of personal data, the roster of Inspectors shall be made publicly available on the Authority’s website.

2. The Compliance Committee shall make recommendations, to the Council on the appointment, supervision and direction of Inspectors included in the Roster of Inspectors, and on an inspection programme and schedule for the Authority in accordance with any applicable Standards and taking into account any applicable Guidelines. ~~The Council shall, on the basis of the recommendations of the Compliance Committee, appoint Inspectors.~~

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

Regarding paragraph 1bis, in order to avoid complication of the procedure and to ensure appropriate qualifications of candidates, it is appropriate to require nomination by States Parties for those to be included in the roster. For this reason, we suggest the deletion of the language in brackets which indicates self-nomination.

Regarding paragraph 2, we believe that since Inspectors are one of the key elements for an efficient and effective inspection system, it should be the Council

which appoints Inspectors on the basis of the recommendation of the Compliance Committee. Therefore, we propose the addition of the second sentence to clarify such a process.