

**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:

IWG Inspections

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 97

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 ~~and taking into account-~~ 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 ~~[Commission]~~ [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.

3. The inspection programme shall be ~~adopted and [overseen]~~ by the Council and ~~[managed]~~ administered by the Compliance Committee, ~~[and implemented by the Chief Inspector and the Inspectors].~~

7. The ~~Compliance Committee~~ Council shall keep the Roster of Inspectors under review and updated. The Council may, for reasonable cause, remove an Inspector from the Roster of Inspectors, ~~on the basis of the recommendations of the [Compliance Committee] [Commission done on the proposal of the Compliance Committee].~~

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

Mechanism of inspections is still under consideration and further discussions on this issue are needed. At this stage, we still have some doubts regarding the consideration of the Compliance Committee as an organ within the LTC (and put related words in square brackets).

In our view, the Council is mandated to adopt a roster of inspectors, as well as to remove an inspector from the list.