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

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 100 Inspection Reports
- 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. No later than thirty days after the end of an inspection, the Inspector shall prepare and deliver a report [promptly] [without delay] to the [Compliance Committee] [Inspectorate] [Chief Inspector] in accordance with the template and other requirements [of the relevant Standards and in accordance with relevant Guideline] contained in any applicable [applicable] Standard setting out the findings and any recommendations for improvements in performance, procedures or practices by a Contractor. The [Inspectorate] [Inspector(s)] [Compliance Committee] [Chief Inspector] shall send the report to the [Compliance Committee and the] [[Secretary General, [who shall send a copy of the report to the Contractor and its sponsoring State or States] [the Commission and the Council] [Contractor and its sponsoring State or States, as well as the Compliance Committee] [as soon as it is completed and [the Secretary-General shall send immediately a copy of the report to the Contractor]. [The Compliance Committee shall ask the Secretary-General to send a copy of the report to any relevant coastal State or flag State, the Contractor and sponsoring State or States and, if appropriate, the relevant adjacent coastal State or States and the flag State and to publish a copy of the report in the Seabed Mining Register, excluding confidential information.]

2. The [Compliance Committee] [Inspectorate] shall <u>pursuant to regulation 96 bis</u> paragraph 6, [in their annual] report [annually] to the Council [under regulation 96(1)(k) ter include details] on the findings and recommendations following the inspections conducted in the prior Calendar Year, [as compiled in a report by the Inspectors] [and any compliance actions taken by the Compliance Committee] and shall make any recommendations, through the Commission, to the Council on any regulatory

[enforcement] action to be taken by the Council under these regulations and an exploitation contract. Taking account of any regulatory action taken by the sponsoring State or States or corrective actions taken by a contractor to address the findings or recommendations. [The Council may request the Legal and Technical Commission to review the findings and recommendations of inspection reports and provide recommendations to the Council on regulatory improvements]. [The Council shall invite the attention of the Assembly to cases of non-compliance in accordance with Article 162(2)(a) of the Convention.]

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

Regarding paragraph 1, in order to reduce unnecessary links and improve efficiency, inspectors can directly submit reports to the Compliance Committee, which requests the Secretary General to provide copies of the reports to Contractors, sponsoring State or States, relevant coastal State or States and the flag State.

Regarding paragraph 2, reporting and making recommendations on matters related to ICE to the Council shall be carried out by the Commission, and the Compliance Committee may report or make relevant recommendations to the Council through the Commission.