

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 [council@isa.org.im](mailto:council@isa.org.im).

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

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

Regulation 96 ter

Request for inspection in the event of [harmful effects]] to the Marine Environment

3. 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.

Regulation 96 ter

Request for inspection ~~in the event of [harmful effects]] to the Marine Environment~~

~~1. In reviewing a contractor's annual report, the Commission may inform the Compliance Committee of a possible non-compliance situation on the contractor's activities. The Compliance Committee shall consider such situation and may recommend, if necessary, to the Council for initiating an inspection.~~

~~1bis. In the event of [harmful effects] [or risk of harmful effects] to the Marine Environment [ [adjacent]/[potentially affected]] [ coastal State or States][any coastal community], which have reasonable grounds for believing that such harmful effects are caused by activities in the Area, shall notify the {Chief Inspector [and the relevant Contractor]}Compliance Committee through the Secretary-General in writing of the grounds upon which such belief is based and request an inspection. [ The notification shall include all relevant evidence, and all documentation supporting the belief that the harmful effects are caused by activities in the Area.]~~

~~1ter. Anyone who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a contractor has violated the Convention, the Exploitation regulations, Exploitation contracts, or caused harmful effects to the marine environment, may request the Compliance Committee through the Secretary-General for inspection in writing.~~

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2. The ~~[Chief Inspector]~~ Compliance Committee shall examine immediately the grounds for an inspection request and shall ~~promptly~~ make recommendations to the Council to initiate inspection where such grounds appear reasonable, ~~and invite representatives.~~ The Council shall, on the basis of the ~~[adjacent]/[potentially affected] coastal State or States to~~ [[accompany the Inspector], no later than 24 hours after such notification ~~was made by the State or States[-]]~~ recommendations of the Compliance Committee, decides whether to initiate the inspection and how to conduct the inspection.

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

1. It does not need to conduct inspections regularly. Inspection can only be initiated when certain conditions are met.
2. Further to the condition indicated in paragraph 1bis, paragraphs 1 and 1ter are two additional conditions for initiating inspections. These three conditions can ensure that inspections be duly initiated whenever necessary.
3. For paragraph 2, it should leave to the Council to decide how to conduct an inspection upon the recommendation of the Compliance Committee. No details need to be stipulated here.