

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

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

Ireland

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

Draft Regulation 44bis

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 44bis

Regional Environmental Management Plans

1. The Commission shall consider an application for a Plan of Work [only if a] ~~based on the adopted~~ Regional Environmental Management Plan [has been adopted] by the Council for the particular area and type of resource concerned.

2. [In the event that an application for a Plan of Work is submitted for an area where no such Regional Environmental Management Plan exists, the drafting of a Regional Environmental Management Plan applicable to the area in concern shall be prioritised and adopted without any undue delay, taking into account Section 2, Article 15 b/c of the 1994 Agreement.]

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

Ireland joins others in requesting that the wording “*only if a Regional Environmental Management Plan has been adopted*” is reinstated in Paragraph 1 of Regulation 44bis