

NOTE BY THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP'S WORK REGARDING REMPS

On 17 July 2026, the Council will negotiate *inter alia* about the outcomes of the Informal Working Group's work regarding Reference to REMPs (cross-cutting and DR44bis + DR58)¹. The Kingdom of the Netherlands (KNL) has led this Informal Working Group. This document is drafted to inform delegations' preparations for the discussion.

Legal status of REMPs (Informal Working Group).

The group has focused on two textual proposals:

- 1) Finishing the previous work by conducting a legal scrub to ensure consistency throughout the Further Consolidated Text²;
- 2) DR44bis.³

On 17 July 2026, KNL wishes to focus solely on discussing DR44bis and 58. Textual proposals with regards to the legal scrub can be shared with KNL bilaterally. After finishing the legal scrub, KNL encourages Council to no longer treat this proposal as a key outstanding issue.

Instead, KNL invites delegations to reflect on the proposal on DR44bis and 58, specifically on DR44bis, paragraphs 2 and 3 noting the support to delete the other paragraphs. Delegations are kindly invited to take into account the following questions in their interventions:

- Do delegations wish to retain a reference to the Council adopted standardized procedure and template for the development, establishment and review of Regional Environmental Management Plans in DR44bis, paragraph 2?
- Do delegations consider that a Plan of Work cannot be considered if the applicable REMP is under review?
- What are delegations' views on the consequences for the prioritisation of the work of the Authority if a Plan of Work is submitted where no applicable REMP exists?
- Do delegations agree that a review of a Plan of Work might be necessary if the applicable REMP has been amended following a review?

Delegations are encouraged to share line by line comments bilaterally.

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¹ [REMPs-Textual-proposal-on-draft-regulations-44bis-and-58.pdf](#) and [REMPs-Reference-in-different-DRs.pdf](#).

² [REMPs-Reference-in-different-DRs.pdf](#).

³ [REMPs-Textual-proposal-on-draft-regulations-44bis-and-58.pdf](#).