

## ANNEX II

### PRINCIPLES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

#### [<sup>F1</sup>C.Methodology

##### C.3. *Steps in the e.r.a.*

##### 3. *Exposure characterisation*

The likelihood or probability of each identified potential adverse effect occurring shall be evaluated to provide, where possible, a quantitative assessment of the exposure as a relative measure of probability, or otherwise a qualitative assessment of the exposure. The characteristics of the receiving environment(s) and the scope of the notification shall be taken into consideration.

Where the evaluation is expressed in qualitative terms, a categorical description ('high', 'moderate', 'low' or 'negligible') of the exposure shall be used and an explanation of the scale of effect represented by each category shall be provided.]