



KIMBERLEY PROCESS - WORKING GROUP ON MONITORING

Teleconference 19 March 2014, 15:00-16:30 (BXL)

Draft-Short Report

PARTICIPANTS:

Australia, Canada, China, EU, India, Russian Federation, South Africa, UAE, USA and the Civil Society Coalition (PAC)

AGENDA

1. Adoption of draft-Agenda

The draft-Agenda as circulated on 13 March was adopted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Teleconference (12 February 2014)

There were no comments on the Short Report of the previous WGM teleconference (12 February). The Minutes of this teleconference would be circulated for comments as soon as possible.

3. WGM Work Programme 2014

The WGM Chair thanked members for their comments on the proposed draft-Work Programme 2014 and noted that the revised version as circulated on 13 March included indications of the lead and timing for each of the proposed actions. The Work Programme was endorsed accordingly.

The WGM Chair would make some further editorial modifications and present a final version.

4. Annual Reporting exercise 2014

The WGM Chair explained the two parallel tracks for this year: (i) Complete the 2014 exercise on the basis of the existing template; and (ii) Start reflecting on a new and more targeted template with a view to calibrating the exercise on the basis of the suggestions made by India.

Furthermore, the WGM Chair recalled that the deadline for submitting the Annual Report is 31 March. In early April, the WGM Chair would circulate a table allocating each WGM member 3-4 Annual Reports to be assessed by 31 May. ASM would help reminding everyone of the deadlines.

5. Review Visits

Presenting the provisional planning of Review Visits for 2014/15, the WGM Chair referred to the two visits already carried out (China and Guinea) and the ones scheduled for the rest of the year (Armenia, Guyana, Togo, Australia, Mexico, Côte d'Ivoire, Swaziland and Congo-Brazzaville).

South Africa as the team leader for the visit to China (24-28 February) thanked the Chinese KP authorities for their warm welcome and debriefed the group on the main proceedings of the visit. USA on behalf of team leader DRC shared a first impression of the visit to Guinea (10-14 March).

The Russian Federation confirmed its willingness to lead the team for the visit to Armenia and would contact the Armenian KP authorities about the proposed dates and a programme.

Australia proposed to host its Review Visit on 5-9 September 2014.

The WGM Chair asked members to express an interest in taking part in any of the upcoming Review Visits and noted that it was also following up with other Participants for which the previous visit went back more than six years to see if they would be willing to host another visit in 2015/16.



Finally, the WGM Chair reminded the team leaders concerned to urgently ensure completion of the pending reports on the visits to South Africa, Liberia and the Russian Federation.

6. West Africa: Regional Workshop (Grand-Bassam/Côte d'Ivoire, 4-6 March 2014)

On behalf of DRC as the team leader, the EU representative in the regional support team debriefed the group on the proceedings and main outcomes of the high-level technical workshop on regional cooperation among the four Mano River Union countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Conakry, Liberia and Sierra Leone). The workshop covered three broad areas: (i) Law enforcement; (ii) Community beneficiation and artisanal- and small-scale production; and (iii) Internal controls and traceability. It involved several regional and international stakeholders from the three components of KP.

At the workshop, an Action Plan was developed covering five regional actions: i) Develop joint KP and diamond industry training and awareness-raising materials; ii) Develop joint platform for sharing information on licensing, production, sales and exports; iii) Conduct comprehensive geologic surveys at a sub-regional level; iv) Use and contribute to law enforcement information systems in implementation of KP; and v) Develop mechanisms to disseminate best practices and harmonize policies across the region.

It was noted that the Action Plan would be reinforced by a Mano River Union Resolution and the possible establishment of a group of Friends of the Mano River Union (FMRU).

It was agreed that this issue should feature prominently on the agenda for the Inter-sessional.

7. Support from Administrative Support Mechanism

The WGM Chair noted the need for further communication and closer and pro-active collaboration with the ASM. The WGM Chair added that the ASM has appointed a new focal point and that there would be a meeting with ASM to define the assistance that ASM could provide to WGM.

8. AOB

Côte d'Ivoire: The WGM Chair mentioned that it had met with the UN Group of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire, at their invitation and to provide further KP-related information for their final report to be submitted to the UN Sanctions Committee on Côte d'Ivoire by mid-April 2014. Furthermore, it was noted on 20 March the Ivoirian Minister of Industry and Mines would be in New York to present to the UN Sanctions Committee Côte d'Ivoire's transition strategy towards the eventual lifting of the UN embargo on the export of rough diamonds.

CAR: The WGM Chair pointed out that because of the deteriorated security situation in the country it would be premature to discuss about the planning of a possible Review Mission. The WGM, WGS and WGDE would continue their monitoring activities and in parallel the WGM Chair would ask the KP Chair to include a clearer reference to the AD on CAR ([temporary] suspension) on the KP website.

Technical Assistance: The WGM Chair thanked the UAE for its recent offer to provide technical assistance to other Participants and stated that it was working with the ASM on a consolidated list of technical assistance needs.

Greenland: The EU informed the group that it had adopted legislation that would allow Greenland to participate in the KP and export rough diamonds through the EU.

Other: WGM members raised issues in relation to enforcement, a smuggling case, misclassification of parcels and internet trading in rough diamonds.

Next WGM teleconference: Will take place on Wednesday 30 April 2014.