

Kimberley Process 2019**Administrative Decision****Admission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme**

The European Union is a Participant in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), and its Member States, including the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom), are covered by the KPCS pursuant to European Union law.

On February 22, 2019, the United Kingdom submitted an application to become a Participant in the KPCS from the date on which European Union law ceases to apply to and in the United Kingdom. The application was submitted to the 2019 KP Chair (India) and to the Chair of the Committee on Participation and Chairmanship (CPC – European Union represented by the European Commission). The CPC received the application materials including notably the relevant legal and institutional frameworks, which were also presented to the CPC in several conference calls.

During the KP Intersessional in Mumbai in June 2019, the CPC concluded that it would conduct an Experts' Mission as part of the admission procedure in advance of the United Kingdom's anticipated withdrawal from the European Union.

The United Kingdom received a KP Experts' Mission on September 4-5, 2019. The Experts' Mission concluded that the United Kingdom's regulatory and institutional frameworks meet KP requirements enabling sufficient internal controls for proper handling of all imports and exports of rough diamonds.

The CPC further confirmed it is satisfied that the United Kingdom will fully implement the KPCS requirements.

The Plenary hereby approves the admission of the United Kingdom as a Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Participant, with such participation taking effect only from the date on which European Union law ceases to apply to and in the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom is expected to formally notify the Kimberley Process, via the CPC Chair, of this date, ideally at least 30 days in advance.

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