



## **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ON THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC [TEMPORARY SUSPENSION]**

Having regard to the enhanced Vigilance Notice on the Central African Republic as issued by the KP Chair on 18 April 2013, the Plenary notes that pockets of rebel groups are operating in the Eastern part of the country including in a number of diamond-producing areas around Sam Ouandja, Bria and Bamingui and decides that the information reviewed could constitute non-compliance with the minimum requirements of the certification scheme, in particular Section IV of the KPCS document, according to which each Participant should “establish a system of internal controls designed to eliminate the presence of conflict diamonds from shipments of rough diamonds imported into and exported from its territory”. Due consideration is given to the fact that additional verification measures are currently not feasible given the security situation on the ground.

In light of the urgent circumstances underlying the situation, and as additional verification measures are undertaken, Participants decide to temporarily refrain from sending or receiving rough diamond shipments from the Central African Republic as a preventive measure, until such time that the security situation allows for the carrying out of a review mission in accordance with Section VI, paragraphs 13 to 15 of the KPCS, and Section III, Paragraph (a) of the Administrative Decision on Implementation of Peer Review in the KPCS. Plenary requests the Working Group on Monitoring to monitor the situation on an on-going basis and to inform Participants and Observers, through the Chair, of any

developments, as well as to update the Participation Committee with reference to whether the processes set forth in the Revised Guidelines in Recommending Interim Measures as regards Serious Non-Compliance should be considered.

This Decision and the situation in the Central African Republic are to be reviewed by the Working Group on Monitoring, in consultation with other working bodies, at the Inter-sessional meeting of the KPCS taking place in Kimberley, South Africa, from 4-7 June 2013.