



Administrative Decision on ensuring that diamonds from the Central African Republic are not introduced into the legitimate trade

Participants and Observers to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), meeting in regular Inter-sessional format in Shanghai on 9-12 June 2014, devoted special attention to illicit trafficking of diamonds from the Central African Republic (CAR).

Participants and Observers noted that production of diamonds is continuing in CAR. They noted with concern that in spite of the temporary suspension of CAR by means of the Administrative Decision on CAR of 23 May 2013, information presented at the Inter-sessional indicates that there have been cases of international shipments containing diamonds of CAR origin.

The Inter-sessional was informed of the actions undertaken by the Kimberley Process (KP) Chair and KP working bodies, notably the Working Group on Monitoring, the Working Group on Statistics and the Working Group of Diamond Experts, within their authority to address trade in rough diamonds in the region. Participants and Observers expressed their strong support for the activities undertaken to date by the KP Chair and by the relevant working bodies.

Participants and Observers agreed that the possible introduction of rough diamonds produced in CAR into the legitimate diamond trade threatens the integrity and credibility of the KPCS. Participants and Observers agreed that the KP should undertake all possible efforts to assist CAR and other Participants, notably those in the region most exposed to possible illicit trafficking of rough diamonds from CAR, to ensure that such diamonds are not introduced into the legitimate trade.

Participants and Observers encouraged close cooperation between the KP, CAR, the African Union and relevant United Nations bodies, notably the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 2127 (2013), with a view to addressing this issue.

Participants and Observers, recalling that the elimination of conflict and illicit diamonds from the legitimate trade constitutes the principal aim of the KPCS, decided that:

1. The KP should carry out a detailed assessment of the volume of rough diamond production in CAR and of rough diamonds possibly exported from that country since the initiation of CAR's temporary suspension effective 23 May 2013.
2. The Working Group on Monitoring should provide regular assessments to the KP Chair of the situation with regard to production and possible illicit movement of diamonds from CAR, drawing on all available sources of information. To this end, the Working Group on Monitoring should cooperate closely with the Working Group on Statistics and the Working Group of Diamond Experts, with the close involvement of the government of CAR.



3. The Working Group of Diamond Experts is requested to assist with the technical analysis of the volume and characteristics of production. The Working Group of Diamond Experts, cooperating where relevant with the Working Group on Statistics, is further requested to assist the relevant authorities of Participants in the region and beyond to identify the characteristics of diamonds produced in CAR, as well as trends in production and trade, to prevent diamonds from CAR entering the legitimate diamond trade. To this end, Participants and Observers agree that the Working Group of Diamond Experts will expand the mandate of its scientific sub-group on Côte d'Ivoire to carry out origin determination research on diamonds from CAR. The KP and the government of CAR will allow the export of small amounts of rough diamonds from CAR for scientific origin determination by the Working Group of Diamond Experts.
4. Participants are requested to report to the KP Chair any incoming shipments of rough diamonds which they suspect may contain diamonds of CAR origin. Digital pictures of such suspicious shipments should be shared with the Working Group of Diamond Experts for further analysis and comparison with the established production footprint.
5. Participants and Observers are requested to consider providing technical assistance to CAR and to Participants that are diamond producing countries neighbouring CAR, with a view to enhancing capacity to prevent diamonds from CAR being introduced into their internal rough diamond trade. Such technical assistance should focus on strengthening internal controls over diamond production and trade.
6. Participants that are diamond trading countries are requested to exercise enhanced vigilance in order to ensure that diamonds produced in CAR are seized and are not allowed to circulate in legitimate trade.
7. Participants are requested to take appropriate action in accordance with their domestic authorities against any individuals or companies subject to their jurisdiction found to be involved in the illicit trade in rough diamonds produced in CAR, where possible, and to inform the KP Chair of the action taken. The KP Chair should make this information available to all Participants and Observers in a timely manner.
8. The representative organizations of the international diamond industry are requested to draw their affiliates' urgent attention to this matter, and to request the full cooperation of all sections of the international diamond industry to ensure that rough diamonds produced in CAR cannot be introduced into the legitimate trade.
9. The Working Group on Monitoring, the Working Group on Statistics and the Working Group of Diamond Experts are asked to submit their assessments to the KP Chair by the end of September 2014, so that the KP Chair can provide a special report on this issue to the KP Plenary meeting in Guangzhou in November 2014.