



**Kimberley Process Certification Scheme
India Chair 2019**



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Dear Kimberley Process Participants and Observers,
Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all the Participants and Observers of the KP Family to the upcoming KP Plenary in New Delhi from 18th -22nd November 2019.

2. I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Shri Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi for his work and guidance given to the KP family. I take note of the commendable progress that has been accomplished during the Mumbai Intersessional in Jun. 2019 and thereafter at the AHCR face to face meeting in Durban in Sep. 2019. I am positive that the Indian KP team which had put in stellar work under my predecessor and had continued their good work thereafter, would continue their excellent support going forward to ensure that the upcoming Plenary is successfully organized. As Chair of Kimberley Process, I look forward to work with the Vice-Chair Russian Federation, Chairs of the Kimberley Process Working Bodies as well as all KP Participants and Observers to make the Kimberley Process stronger and more efficient.

3. In 2019, India has been instrumental in supporting various initiatives of KP such as Regional Co-operation Meeting of Central Africa, Introduction of separate 8 Digit code for laboratory-grown rough diamonds, Participating in UNGA discussions amongst others.

4. As the Chair of KP, I remain fully committed to working toward improving the KP in all priority areas. I would like to warmly invite you to reach out to me at any point if you wish to convey any suggestions, comments, questions or concerns at kpcell.india@nic.in and look forward to close and productive cooperation.

5. I once again welcome you to the KP Plenary in New Delhi next week and look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

(Bidyut Behari Swain)