

Kimberley Process Chair



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**Kimberley Process
Participants and Observers**

Dear KP Participants and Observers,

As you are all aware, on 11 March 2020 the World Health Organization decided to give the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak the status of a global emergency. Due to the spread of the disease, many countries have introduced extra precautionary measures to avoid unnecessary risk of its transmission or quarantine, including travel restrictions and prohibition of large gatherings.

Taking into account these restrictions, recommendations of various international bodies and public health authorities and in order to ensure the health and safety of the KP Participants and Observers the Russian Federation has decided not to hold the Intersessional meeting in a face-to-face format.

Instead, we plan to organize virtual joint KP session and working bodies' meetings on 8-9 June 2020. Therefore, I encourage Chairs of the working bodies to consider and advise by 10 April how many virtual sessions they would need to hold.

Additional information will follow shortly.

Wishing you and your families good health.

Kind regards,

Alexey Moiseev,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes.

**Chair of the Kimberley Process,
Deputy Minister of Finance of the
Russian Federation**