



**Vote of Thanks: Mr. Senthil Nathan, Deputy Secretary ,
Dept.of Commerce, GoI
Friday, 22nd November 2019**

Good Afternoon!

- Distinguished Members on the dais,
- Honourable Ministers
- Excellencies
- Vice Chair of KP - Russian Federation,
- Chairs of Working Groups and Committees,
- Representatives from Botswana,
- Mr Stephen Fischler, President, World Diamond Council,
- Mr Shamiso Mtisi, Coordinators of Civil Society Coalition
- Dear Kimberley Process Participants and Observers,
- Ladies and Gentlemen

I am honoured to have this opportunity to present the vote of thanks for all those who have worked very hard to make this Plenary a grand success.

I would like to recall a saying. It is said that “Gratitude is the noblest of all the human emotions. The more we express gratitude for what we have, it is more likely that we will have even more to express gratitude for”. This I believe is especially applicable to all of us, as members of the KP family as we stand today at the close of this Plenary and look forward to the work ahead of us in the future.

Over the past 5 days, we have witnessed the commitment of KP participants, observers and other stakeholders towards making KP more effective and efficient.

To begin with, I would like to thank KP Chair, Mr. B.B Swain for his continuous support and guidance despite his busy schedule and other exigencies. Although he was physically away, his continuous guidance was of immense help to conduct this KP Plenary in New Delhi.

KP Vice Chair, Russian Federation has been working closely with us, offering valuable suggestions and feedback wherever needed. Thank you, Alexander and your team, for the same.

Mr. Stephane Fischler, President World Diamond Council has been forthright and active in sharing his insights and knowledge about the world diamond industry with all of us. You have been very supportive and helpful all through the Plenary session and for that we would like to thank you, Stephane and your team.

I also wish to thank Mr. Shamiso Mtisi, Coordinator of Civil Society Coalition and his entire team for their active participation and suggestions.

I would be missing in my duty, if I do not convey my gratitude to the invisible angels, engineers and toilers who have been working hard during this week.

First among them, I wish to thank Ms. Elke from ASM who has come all the way from Antwerp to assist us in the meeting.

GJEPC, as a co-organiser for this Plenary Meeting, has done a wonderful job. On this occasion, I would like to place my appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Pramod Agrawal, Chairman GJEPC, Mr Sabyasachi Ray, Executive Director, and the entire GJEPC team for their support for making this Plenary a grand success.

Thank you to all to those who have being associated with the organising of this event, especially Mr. Shiamak Davar and his team who made the Gala Dinner evening a memorable affair for all of us and energised us all such that we could continue with discussions late in the night yesterday and today morning.

Percept, the event managers as well as employees of Hotel Pullman and other hotels in the vicinity for making this Plenary possible and a grand success.

I also wish to thank my team from Government of India, Mr. Prashant Pandey and his team for their invaluable support during the sessions.

Last but not the least, I thank each and every one of you for your active participation, insights, open deliberations all through the meetings over the 5 days.

A visit to India is not complete, without a visit to Taj. To the delegates who have registered for a visit to Taj Mahal, tomorrow, I wish you a memorable and pleasant trip.

Have a safe flight home and Bon Voyage.

Thank You!

And Good bye till we meet again.