



## EU AND THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR ROUGH NATURAL DIAMONDS

Conflict diamonds have played a major role in funding some of the devastating civil wars in Africa. The Kimberley Process is a coalition of governments, civil society and the diamonds industry, set up to eliminate the trade in so-called conflict diamonds\*.

It regulates the international trade in rough diamonds, promoting the notion that natural resources belong to mining communities, not to militias.

#### THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS: FACTS AND FIGURES

- ♦ UN mandated Certification Scheme launched in 2003;
- ♦ 60 participants with the EU as a single participant;
- ♦ **86 COUNTRIES** representing more than 99% of the global rough diamond production and trade;
- ♦ The Kimberley Process is based on three pillars: **GOVERNMENTS, INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SOCIETY**.

#### HOW THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME WORKS

An international scheme that regulates the international trade in rough diamonds, imposing so-called '*minimum requirements*' on participating states to enable shipments to be certified as '*conflict-free*'.

On 20 December 2002, the EU adopted Council Regulation (EC) No. 2368/2002 to set up a system of certification and import and export controls for rough diamonds, for the purpose of implementing the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.



Satisfy 'minimum requirements' and establish national legislation, institutions and import/export controls



Commit to transparent practices and to the exchange of critical statistical data



Trade only with fellow members who also satisfy the fundamentals of the agreement



Certify shipments as conflict-free and provide the supporting certification

#### EU PROJECTS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In support of its work on the Kimberley Process, the EU is also funding several projects under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. The aim is to reinforce governance in the diamond sector and the development of alternative livelihoods.

- ♦ **Strengthening compliance with the Kimberley Process through institutional capacity-building.**
- ♦ **Ensuring that diamonds enter the legal supply chain and that benefits flow to diamond-mining communities.**
- ♦ **Supporting key stakeholders, practitioners in all sectors and civil society organisations.**

The regional approach in the **Mano River Union (2023-2025, EUR 3M)**



Strengthening responsible and traceable supply chains of conflict minerals, including the regional approach to the Kimberley Process, to enhance sustainable development and livelihood aspects of artisanal mining in the Mano River Union.

Support to Civil Society (2022-2025, EUR 3M)



Empowering key stakeholders, including from civil society, globally to address their common concern of responsible sourcing through policy advice, capacity development and editorial and research support.

Funding of the Kimberley Process Secretariat (2024-2028, EUR 80K)



Enhancing the administrative capacity of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme through supporting the Kimberley Process Secretariat, established in Gaborone, Botswana.

\* **CONFLICT DIAMONDS ARE DEFINED** in the Kimberley Process as "*rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflict aimed at undermining legitimate governments*".