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Diamond Industry ABC Guide on the Kimberley Process:

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What the Kimberley Process is

The Kimberley Process started when Southern African diamond-producing states met in Kimberley, South Africa, in May 2000, to discuss ways to stop the trade in conflict diamonds and ensure that diamond purchases were not financing violence by rebel movements and their allies seeking to undermine legitimate governments.

Who is involved?

- The Kimberley Process (KP) is open to all countries that are willing and able to implement its requirements.
- The KP has 54 participants, representing 81 countries, with the European Union and its Member States counting as a single participant.
- KP members account for approximately 99.8% of the global production of rough diamonds.
- The World Diamond Council, representing the international diamond industry, and civil society organisations, such as Partnership-Africa Canada, participate in the KP and has played a major role since its outset.

How does the Kimberley Process work?

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) imposes extensive requirements on its members to enable them to certify shipments of rough diamonds as conflict-free and prevent conflict diamonds from entering the legitimate trade. Under the terms of the KPCS, participating states must meet minimum requirements and must put in place national legislation and institutions; export, import and internal controls and also commit to transparency and the exchange of statistical data. Participants can only legally trade with other participants who have also met the minimum requirements of the scheme and international shipments of rough diamonds must be accompanied by a KP certificate guaranteeing that they are conflict-free. The Kimberley Process is chaired on a rotating basis by participating countries.

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Example of Kimberley Process Certificate:

