



**Press release
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KP boosts transparency by publishing diamond trade figures

Kimberley Process Chairman, Karel Kovanda of the European Commission announced today the publication of Kimberley participants' figures on rough diamond production and trade data. This information is provided free for use to all interested parties.

Kovanda said "This is a welcome advance in the KP, demonstrating participant countries' willingness to open up statistics for scrutiny and analysis, helping to ensure that there is no room for any conflict diamonds in the legitimate KP-certified diamond trade." He added, "One of our priorities as Chair is to enhance the accuracy and transparency of Kimberley Process statistics. We are proud of what the Kimberley Process has achieved, bringing together governments, industry and civil society in a partnership which has ensured that the vast majority of diamond production is now conflict-free¹, and are committed to delivering further improvements in the areas identified by members last year."

Statistical data of trade and production, by value and volume, and Kimberley certificate counts for 2004 and 2005 are now available at: <http://www.kimberleyprocess.com:8080/site/?name=documents> under the heading "Transparency in KP Production and Trade Data". 2006 data will be made available later in the year.

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The Kimberley Process: www.kimberleyprocess.com

The EC and the Kimberley Process: http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/kimb/intro/index.htm

¹Note: The only country where rebel forces now control diamond producing areas is in Ivory Coast. KP estimates, are that production is in the range of 100-200,000 cts pa, out of total world production of some 150 million carats.