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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The role of Diamonds in Fueling Conflict

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Mauritania, Democratic Republic of the Congo,
Pakistan, Djibouti, Finland, Singapore, Uruguay, Israel,
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The General Assembly

- 1 *Noting* that diamonds and other lootable resources compose only a small part of a diverse and
2 growing economy,
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4 *Aware* of the concern over diamonds mined in conflict areas,
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6 *Reminding* everyone among the international community in this committee that is in the best
7 interests of the world to provide humanitarian aid to all those in need of support among a myriad
8 of strife in this region,
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10 *Emphasizing* to the entire body of the General Assembly that the issue of conflict diamonds has
11 and will continue to affect not only the African region, but nations who continue to maintain
12 relationships with diamond producers,
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14 *Recalling* previous resolutions that the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) has
15 attempted to eliminate such “conflict diamonds” via a system of certificates,
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17 *Noting* that many diamond mining operations in Africa are conducted by independent artisans
18 who are unable to meet the extensive KPCS paperwork and authorization requirements,
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20 *Concerned* that the KPCS thus forces artisan miners to sell their diamonds to smugglers rather
21 than legitimate buyers, even if there is no current conflict where the diamonds are mined,
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23 1. *Reminds* member states of the detrimental effects of forcing legitimate businessmen to involve
24 themselves in smuggling and other organized crime;
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26 2. *Calls* for the development of an alternative certification standard within the Kimberley Process
27 which would:
28 (a) be based on voluntary inspections by domestic investigators trained and overseen
29 by the United Nations in KPCS participating states, recommending that oversight be
30 conducted on a regional basis;
31 (b) apply to diamonds mined by independent artisans;
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33 3. *Requests* that human rights Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), similar to Verifor and
34 others dedicated to protection of human rights, establish presences in the mining areas to

- 35 communicate with miners and monitor working conditions, then communicate concerns to the ad
36 hoc committee responsible for the inspection of precious mineral sources;
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- 38 4. *Expresses* its intention that diamonds certified in this manner be considered “conflict free” as if
39 they were KPCS certified;
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- 41 5. *Recommends* that once an inspection has determined a mine to be non compliant, certification
42 for that mine should be withdrawn until an inspection shows conditions to be satisfactory;
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- 44 6. *Calls* upon states to include precious gemstones and metals, especially Coltan and Casserite,
45 under the umbrella of the Kimberly Process;
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- 47 7. *Emphasizes* the consistent, continued, and thorough enforcement of rules and requirements for
48 becoming a member and maintaining membership of the Kimberly Process;
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- 50 8. *Recommends* lower taxes imposed on KPCS certified items;
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- 52 9. *Urges* all states which are not currently participants in the Kimberley Process to consider
53 becoming participants;
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- 55 10. *Strongly encourages* greater aid and recognition of artisan miners and independent
56 producers to be accomplished through:
57 (a) Purposeful usage of income from diamond production from diamond
58 production to be used for improvements of mining areas and the welfare of
59 citizens;
60 (b) Greater focus on education and support of artisans by local governments and
61 foreign aid contributors;
62 (c) Easing of KPCS restrictions in the authorization of the artisan miners in
63 diamond-producing countries;
64 (d) The use of NGOs in education in Kimberley Process certifications;
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- 66 11. *Reminds* the body that the vast majority of the diamond trade is legal and legitimate
67 and the need to prevent infringing on such trade;
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- 69 12. *Encourages* individual members of the KPCS to compile detailed statistics with the
70 purpose of increasing the possibility of identifying the tendencies of irregularity concerning
71 diamond trade;
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- 73 13. *Welcomes* the amendment of the current Kimberley Process voting measures.

Passed, Yes: 69 / No: 10 / Abstain: 12