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**FORUM:** Disarmament Sub-Commission 1

**QUESTION OF:** The role of diamonds in fueling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts

**SUBMITTED BY:** Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

**CO-SUBMITTERS:** Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States of America

Co-submitters are listed in alphabetical order.

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**THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION,**

*Noting* that the smuggling of illicit rough diamonds accounts for over 50 percent of the diamond trade and it is estimated by the Government Gold and Diamond Office that the total production of rough illicit diamonds amounts to 100 million USD per year,

*Further noting* illicit rough diamonds as diamonds that are uncut and unpolished but are used as "conflict or blood diamonds" to finance conflicts to overthrow governments,

*Aware* that 4% of diamonds produced are classified as "conflict or blood diamonds," which is enough to purchase weapons to destabilize the entire African continent,

*Defining* "conflict or blood diamonds" as gems which are found in regions that are not under the control of the democratically elected ruler or government, or diamonds used by business or non-state forces to fund movements of human rights abuses against civilians,

All acronyms must be written in full the first time they are used in the resolution.

*Recognizing* the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) as an internationally recognized certification system created in 2003 by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to establish national import and export standards of rough diamonds,

*Further recognizing* that the KPCS is lacking a comprehensive system for monitoring where diamonds are mined, how they are mined, what the proceeds are funding and how diamonds are domestically transported, which influences a government's control over conflicts and can possibly promote illicit diamond trading,

Either British or American English can be used.
Be consistent.

The terms "Member States" and "Member Nations" are capitalized.

1. <u>Calls for</u> all relevant Member States to sign and ratify the KPCS to promote cooperation and awareness of the illicit diamond trade;

Operative clauses end with a semicolon.

Operative clauses are numbered. The clause starter must be underlined. There is a word bank at the end of this document. Remember, some clause starters may only be used by the Security Council (other committees cannot Demand, Require or Condemn).

2. <u>Further calls for</u> all relevant nations which are withholding signature and ratification of the KPCS due to financial reasons, to request funds or low interest loans from intergovernmental organizations (IGO) such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank;

Operative clauses should present feasible solutions to the issue (**what** should be done) and how they should be implemented (**ways** they should be done).

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3. <u>Asks for</u> the creation of the Collation for Stopping Conflict Diamonds (CSCD), a United Nations Organization (UNO),which would work with the relevant Member States, as well as the United Nations Verification and Inspection Committee (UNMOVIC), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), African Union (AU), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and World Diamond Council (WDC), enabling the monitoring of the implementation of the KPCS in countries that have already ratified it, so as to verify that it is fully respected, in order to stop illicit diamond transportation both domestically and internationally level by:

   a. monitoring in their respective countries who is buying and selling the diamonds
   b. ensuring the methods by which the diamonds are bought and mined are legal according to the KPCS's definition of "clean" diamonds as well as ensuring compliance with the Geneva Convention
   c. sending a submitted proof of each country's and mining companies' diamond proceeds to ensure that they are not funding armed conflicts
   d. sending a member of the CSCD and of the UNMOVIC in the first year following a nation's ratification of the KPCS, to observe the changes, thus ensuring transparency;

To count clauses: the first sub-clause and first sub-sub clause count as part of their parent main clause or sub-clause respectively. The second sub and/or sub-sub clauses counts towards the total of 20.

A resolution cannot exceed a **maximum length** of **3 pages**.
The **maximum number of clauses** in a resolution is **20**.
The font should be Times New Roman, 12.

These count as six clauses.

4. Urges that the monitoring system of CSCD and Member States that have signed the KPCS allow and implement a customs checking system in each county including:

    a. a monitoring system using modern measuring and weighing instruments, financed if needed by the IMF, in order to:

        i. check that the amount and quality of "clean" diamonds stated on the certificate is received

        ii. also make sure that the certificates received are genuine and include all necessary information

        iii. confiscate any unregistered diamonds and the revenue of the illegal sales which will then be used for the CSCD

    b. the cooperation between the custom checking system, Member States and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), in order to allocate a punishment for offenders who are illegally smuggling diamonds by:

        i. withholding certificates for international and domestic transportation of the businesses and Member States

        ii. investigating other past certificates issued by the business or persons that sent the certificate in order to prevent more illegal smuggling

        iii. implementing other penalties suggested by the CSCD and any other relevant body;

Sub-sub clauses start with lowercase Roman Numerals.

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You can't have only one sub-clause in a main clause (or only one sub-sub clause within a sub-clause).
These are lists (and you can't have a list with only one item.)

As with the Preambulatory Clauses, avoid repetition of clause starters.
If using terms such as "Further" etc., make sure the original term has already been used.

5. Suggests the creation of an online database under the UNIDIR with all relevant IGOs and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to monitor international and domestic transportation of rough diamonds which will:
   a. use serial numbers from KPCS Certificates and other information such as origin, carat weight and grade
   b. consider mining targets and mining capacities from diamond exporting states
   c. verify that import/export statistics correspond thereby allowing for the recognition of sources of illegal diamond trade
   d. provide mechanisms for small diamond mining and refining companies to receive low interest loans from local enterprises thereby providing them the with the means to adopt, access, register with, and update the database;

6. Further suggests the creation of an internationally accepted KPCS form that will be used for domestic transfer of diamonds involving information such as, but not limited to:
   a. any specific details or causes needed to be monitored by that individual nation due to its present state and history of diamond smuggling and trading
   b. information including origin and destination of the diamonds that are being sent as well as the date and time of arrival and departure with the approved signature needed on a KPCS Certificate
   c. strict monitoring laws where imports and exports must include all this information and the checking system;

7. <u>Promotes</u> publicizing of verified investigations and sanctions run by the CSCD on multinational corporations engaged in the purchase of blood diamonds, to jeopardize their reputation.

The final operative clause ends with a full stop/period.
This should be the **only** full stop/period in the entire resolution.

**Suggestion**:
Do not "waste" one of the twenty operative clauses by "Remaining seized on the matter".

# Useful Preambulatory Clause Starters

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| Affirming | Disturbed | Having considered further | Reaffirming |
| Alarmed by | Desiring | Having devoted attention | Realizing |
| Approving | Emphasizing | Having examined | Recalling |
| Aware of | Expecting | Having heard | Recognizing |
| Bearing in mind | Expressing its appreciation | Having received | Referring |
| Believing | Expressing its satisfaction | Having studied | Regretting |
| Confident | Fulfilling | Keeping in mind | Seeking |
| Contemplating | Fully alarmed | Noting with regret | Taking into account |
| Concerned | Fully aware | Noting with deep concern | Taking into consideration |
| Conscious | Fully believing | Noting with satisfaction | Taking note |
| Convinced | Guided by | Noting further | Viewing with appreciation |
| Declaring | Having adopted | Noting with approval | Welcoming |
| Deploring | Having considered | Observing | |

# Useful Operative Clause Starters

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| Accepts | Confirms | Endorses | Requests |
| Affirms | Congratulates | Expresses its Appreciation | Resolves |
| Approves | Considers | Expresses its Hope | Sanctions |
| Asks | **Decides*** | Hopes | Solemnly Affirms |
| Asks for | **Declares Accordingly*** | Invites | Supports |
| Asks that | **Demands*** | Notes | Suggests |
| Authorizes | Deplores | **Proclaims*** | Takes Note of |
| Calls | Designates | Reaffirms | Transmits |
| Calls for | Draws the Attention | Recommends | Trusts |
| Calls upon | Emphasizes | Regrets | Urges |
| **Condemns*** | Encourages | Reminds | Wishes |

Please note: All clause starters that are in **bold** and marked with an asterisk (*) can **only** be used by the Security Council.