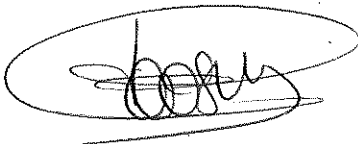


Kimberley Process Certification Scheme
rough diamonds from the Central African Republic
temporary suspension of the CAR

I refer to my previous message of 10/01/2013 (Call for vigilance – Central African Republic) to inform you that the Kimberley Process has endorsed, through written procedure, an Administrative Decision for **temporary suspension of the Central African Republic with immediate effect** until the Decision and the situation in the CAR are to be reviewed by the Working Group on Monitoring at the Inter-sessional meeting of the KPCS taking place in Kimberley, South Africa, from 4-7 June 2013.

Based upon recent information, rebel groups are operating in the Eastern part of the country including in a number of diamond-producing areas around Sam Ouandja, Bria and Bamingui.



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