

## **Programme EU expert meeting**

### **Implementing Kimberley: Stopping the blood diamond trade to Europe**

**Room A3G3**

***Thursday March 7 - 11.00-15.00***

***European Parliament, Brussels***

***Chair : Mr Max van den Berg, vice- chair of the party of European Socialists, vice-chair of the development Committee***

#### **Agenda:**

##### ***Welcoming speech by Max van den Berg***

- **11.00- 11.30 Diamonds and conflict, the scale of the problem**

Dr Philippe Le Billion, The International Institute for Strategic Studies

- **11.30 – 12.15 From Twickenham to Botswana to Brussels: key features of the forthcoming regime for the control of diamond imports into Europe,**

Mr Anthonius de Vries, Economic and Financial Sanctions Co-ordinator, DG Relex

- **Discussion**

- **12.30-13.00 The role of the European diamond industry in the implementation of Kimberley**

Mr Rory More O'Ferrall, World Diamond Council

- **13.00-13.45 Kimberley: critical outstanding issues**

Presentations by the four Kimberley Working groups of the key features and main obstacles of their work:

- WTO Compliance: Mr Nell Philippe, Swiss State Secretariat for economic affairs/WTO Division
- Statistics: European Commission: Mr Anthonius de Vries, DG Relex
- Participant Measures ( monitoring): Alex Yearsley, Global Witness
- Administrative support: David Earnshaw, Oxfam International

- **13.45-14.15 The other half of the Picture: capacity building in Africa**

Mr Vincent Dowd, European Commission, DG Development, Desk officer SADC

- **14.15-15.00 Discussion: Does Europe need to improve on Kimberley?**

- **17.00 Informal drinks for participants at The Grapevine, Place Luxembourg (just behind the Parliament)**