PRESS RELEASE: ADPA PARTICIPATION IN THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS 2025 INTERSESSIONAL MEETING HELD IN DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Luanda, Angola, 21 May 2025 - The African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) participated in the Kimberley Process (KP) Intersessional meeting held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from the 12th to the 16th of May 2025.

During the intercessional meeting, ADPA actively participated in various working groups of the KP, in which it is a member, including all the sub-groups under the Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Reform (AHCRR).

Among its key contributions to the debates, ADPA proposed revised and streamlined text to extend the definition of conflict diamonds beyond rebel movements to include armed groups, individuals, entities subject to United Nations Security Council sanctions. This broader scope re-energized discussions among KP Participants and Observers, drawing them back into the debate.

The proposed text by ADPA, presented by the Executive Director, Ellah Muchemwa, aimed to move the discussions closer to consensus by the time of Plenary 2025. ADPA will continue to support the work of the KP, representing the voice of African diamond-producing countries in global forums, and promote compliance with the KP among its members, ensuring that those relying on diamonds for livelihoods and future generations benefit fully from their natural resources. Moreover, ADPA remains committed to working constructively with all stakeholders to achieve a meaningful outcome that reflects the shared interests of all Participants and Observers.

ADPA reinforces its commitment to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme as the only recognized certification scheme mandated by the United Nations to regulate the trade of rough diamonds and underpinned by its three pillars, government, industry, and civil society.

ADPA expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for hosting the KP Intersessional Meeting and its warm hospitality.

About ADPA

The African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) is an intragovernmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable diamond mining, trade, and development across Africa. It comprises 21 member countries, fifteen (15) Effective Members, and five (5) Observers, including key African diamond-producing nations and is based in Luanda, Angola. ADPA provides a platform for collaboration and cooperation among its members and works to promote beneficiation and value addition, transparency, and fair market access for African diamonds.

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