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“THE U.N., 74 PARTICIPANT NATIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIAMOND INDUSTRY ARE UNITED TO BRING A COMPLETE END TO CONFLICT DIAMONDS.”

MR. KAREL KOVANDA, 2007 CHAIR OF THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS

DIAMOND FACTS

- Fact #1:** An estimated 5 million people have access to appropriate healthcare globally thanks to revenues from diamonds. ([read more](#))
- Fact #2:** Conflict diamonds have been reduced from approximately 4% to considerably less than 1% since the implementation of the Kimberley Process in 2003. ([read more](#))
- Fact #3:** An estimated 10 million people globally are directly or indirectly supported by the diamond industry. ([read more](#))
- Fact #4:** The diamond mining industry generates over 40% of Namibia's annual export earnings. ([read more](#))
- Fact #5:** Diamond revenues enable every child in Botswana to receive free education up to the age of 13. ([read more](#))
- Fact #6:** In July 2000, the global diamond industry announced its zero-tolerance policy towards conflict diamonds and continues to drive this policy. ([read more](#))
- Fact #7:** Sierra Leone is now at peace and exported approximately \$125 million diamonds in 2006. ([read more](#))
- Fact #8:** Approximately one million people are employed by the diamond industry in India. ([read more](#))
- Fact #9:** Approximately \$8.5 billion worth of diamonds a year come from African countries. ([read more](#))
- Fact #10:** More than 99% of diamonds are now from conflict free sources and traded under the UN-mandated Kimberley Process. ([read more](#))
- Fact #11:** The Diamond Development Initiative was established to improve the working conditions of artisanal miners. ([read more](#))
- Fact #12:** The revenue from diamonds is instrumental in the fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic. ([read more](#))
- Fact #13:** Under the Kimberley Process, rough diamonds can only be exported and imported when accompanied by a certificate from the exporting country. ([read more](#))

Fact #14: The charity Jewelers for Children funds a community based care program for orphaned children in South Africa. ([read more](#))

Fact #15: An estimated 65% of the world's diamonds come from African countries. ([read more](#))

Fact #16: Today, 74 governments and the legitimate diamond industry are all committed and legally bound to eradicating conflict diamonds. ([read more](#))

Fact #17: The diamond industry has introduced a system to help give greater assurances to retailers and to provide consumers with the reassurance that their diamond is from a conflict free source. ([read more](#))

Fact #18: Diamonds account for 33% of the GDP (approximately \$3.3 billion) of Botswana. Since independence in 1966, the year before diamonds were discovered in Botswana, GDP annual growth rate averaged 7%. ([read more](#))

Fact #19: Major world leaders - including Nelson Mandela - have cited the importance of diamonds to the lives of African people. ([read more](#))

Fact #20: It is estimated that one million people work in the informal (artisanal) alluvial diamond digging sector. ([read more](#))

Fact #21: Some diamond producing countries are not Kimberley Process compliant. ([read more](#))

Fact #22: In November 2007, 74 governments, leading NGOs, and the World Diamond Council agreed on measures to further strengthen the Kimberley Process. ([read more](#))

Fact #23: At the 2007 Kimberley Process Plenary, the industry committed funds and resources to address challenges faced by countries with a high prevalence of artisanal alluvial mining. ([read more](#))

Fact #24: In August 2007, Turkey was welcomed as a participant in the Kimberley Process. ([read more](#))



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