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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on combating the trade in blood diamonds

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on combating the trade in blood diamonds**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas since the Kimberley Process was launched in 2002, little or no progress has been made in combating the trade in blood diamonds and whereas there has been no improvement in the traceability of diamonds;
- B. whereas the definition of ‘blood diamonds’ is much too restrictive, covering as it does only the trade in rough stones which directly funds armed groups fighting the legitimate government of a country, but not diamonds mined by children or cut and polished stones;
- C. whereas Africa accounts for two thirds of world diamond production, and whereas it is important to safeguard peace and development throughout the continent, in particular with a view to reducing migratory flows;
- D. whereas, lastly, diamond mining is very harmful to the environment;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to involve all the EU Member States in the work of overhauling the Kimberley Process and stamping out the illegal trade in diamonds.