

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0986/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Blood diamonds

Does the DG Competition have access to the data held by the DG External Relations concerning the Kimberley Agreement on tracing the sources and stocks of diamonds (in order to avoid 'blood diamonds' coming on to the market)?

Does the Commission consider that the data held for this purpose might also shed light on the trading practices of companies in the diamond sector? Will it evaluate such data in the context of its consideration of the De Beers 'Supplier of Choice' restrictive practices?