

**Question for oral answer O-000073/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 136

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on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

**Subject:** Implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme

1. How can the EU contribution to the effective implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) be improved? What can be done to boost local monitoring and enforcement capacity? How streamlined is information-sharing between participants in the tripartite structure? How does the Commission evaluate its cooperation and work with partner governments, notably those of diamond-producing countries?
2. What is the Commission's approach to the reform process of the KPCS, and what progress has been made so far? What is feasible in terms of adapting the scope and enlarging the definition of conflict diamonds to cover other issues such as human rights abuses, and what would be a realistic timeline?
3. How would the Commission evaluate the cooperation with partner-country governments and local authorities under the previous Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, and the achievements thereof, and what concrete projects are expected to be carried out under the new Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention thematic programme and relevant geographic programmes to enhance regional cooperation in artisanal mining areas?
4. How can the EU contribute to strengthening the role of civil society in the KPCS, in line with other multi-stakeholder forums (such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains)?
5. How will the Commission align KPCS implementation with the upcoming due diligence legislation to ensure compatibility? Is it considering autonomous measures in order to establish a due diligence obligation for EU imports of rough, cut and polished diamonds? Could the Commission consider including diamonds in the Conflict Minerals Regulation when it is up for review in 2023?
6. What measures could be taken to ensure that diamond supply chains are conflict-free and also free from other human rights and environmental issues, to ensure they live up to the expectations of consumers?
7. What could the role of new technologies such as blockchain be in efforts to enhance transparency and traceability (and diligence) in diamond supply chains?

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