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The WDC, which represents industry, one of the pillars of the Kimberly process has since its formation contributed positively in the achievements of the KP.

Their contributions to success of the KP so far I am sure is in their own interest, since any negative developments in the diamond industry will adversely affect industry.

Naturally, there have been challenges along the way, which challenges have brought us this far.

The very recent challenge was that of the Marange diamond fields in Zimbabwe. This challenge as you are all aware pushed the KP to the brink. Thanks to the tack and diplomacy of the EU, the WDC led by Mr. Eli Izhakoff, the ADPA, the DRC and other voices of reason, we were able to salvage the situation.

I hope the KP will never have to go down this road again. Ghana is glad that the US is chairing the KP at this point in time and urge the current chair to work on mending some of the burnt bridges in the Process of resolving the Marange issue. I am personally glad that the chair pledges to depoliticize the KP and focus on core KP issues.

The current agenda to reform the KP is timely, and issues such as setting up an ADM lend support to successive chair's of the KP and to ensure that valuable institutional memory of the KP is preserved is very important.

Another issue is the redefinition of conflict diamonds. My humble appeal is that, in doing this, we should be careful not to start another internal squabble.

For example, how do we define "other situations of violence", and should that type of violence be happening in the area of diamond fields or any part of a diamond producing country for it to become a breach of the minimum requirements? I trust that when this issue comes to be addressed we will find a common ground devoid of suspicion and any form of acrimony.

The issue of human rights abuse in mining areas is totally unacceptable, and where these types of human rights abuses exists, swift action must be taken to bring such abuses to an end.

However, this issue of human rights abuse should not be Drummed-Up and used as ploy to unduly punish a participant.

I say this with the recent BBC panorama documentary that was aired during the 2011 plenary in Kinshasa. It turned out that the issue of torture camps in the Marange fields was not correct. This kind of disingenuous behavior can undermine the efforts of the KP to strengthen its internal control and make sure that the chain of custody and the minimum standards of the KP is not undermined.

Mr. Chairman, fellow participants, I believe the KP is on the right course and together we can make it more robust to serve the purpose for which it was set up.
Diamonds, the good friend of women, should be a source of joy and not pain and not pain and suffering.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and for your attention.

Thank you very much.

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