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Industry organizations pledge unequivocal support to WDC and its mission

NEW DELHI, INDIA: DECEMBER 12, 2014 – Members of the World Diamond Council (WDC), gathering in Delhi, India, for an informal meeting, have issued a statement emphasizing their strong and unequivocal support of the WDC's mission and its leadership position in the struggle against conflict diamonds.

"In response to the various reports in the media about the WDC, we wish to reiterate that we value the role the WDC plays in the Kimberley Process (KP) and, by extension, the meaningful role of the KP in the global diamond industry and trade. We therefore call attention to the WDC's mission statement and reconfirm and pledge our continuous and full support to the WDC and its objectives," the statement notes.

The WDC mission statement says as follows: "The primary objective of the WDC is to represent the diamond industry in the development and implementation of regulatory and voluntary systems to control the trade in diamonds embargoed by the United Nations or covered by the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme."

Among the meeting's participants were Ernest Blom, President of World Federation of Diamond Bourses; Edward Asscher, President of the World Diamond Council, WDC; Ronnie VanderLinden, Secretary General of the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA); and Gaetano Cavalieri, President of CIBJO, the World Jewellery Confederation.

The informal WDC meeting preceded the inaugural World Diamond Conference in India (WDCI) that is being held in Delhi, December 11-12, under the joint patronage of the Gem & Jewelry Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) and the World Diamond Mark Foundation.

About the World Diamond Council

The primary objective of the WDC is to represent the diamond industry in the development and implementation of the regulatory and voluntary systems to control the trade in diamonds embargoed by the United Nations or covered by the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme. Visit <http://www.worlddiamondcouncil.org> to learn more.

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