

Kimberley Process

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- The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) is the process established in 2000 **to prevent conflict diamonds from entering the mainstream** rough diamond market.
- It was ruled by UNGA Resolution 55/56 following recommendations in the **Fowler Report**.
- The process was set **up to ensure that diamond purchases were not financing violence** by rebel movements and their allies seeking to undermine legitimate governments recognized by United Nations
- The KPCS Plenary 2018, was **held in Brussels, Belgium in November 2018** and EU handed over the chair of KPCS to India from January, 2019.
- The next session is slated to be held in India as Chair. Botswana and the Russian Federation will serve as Vice-Chair during the period of 2019-2020.

India and KPCS

- India is the **founding member** of KPCS and is actively involved in KP activities to ensure that almost 99% of the diamond trade in the world is conflict free.
- **India is committed to maintain KP as an efficient and effective process** in order to ensure the conflict diamond free status.
- India is at the forefront in addressing the issue of differentiation between Natural Diamonds and Lab Grown Diamonds and ensure responsible business in this area.
- India chaired the Ad hoc Committee on Review and Reform (AHCRR).

Importance of KPCS

- 2018 was the fifteenth anniversary of KPCS. Since its launch in 2003, the Kimberley Process has contributed

towards peace, security and prosperity.

- It has proven to be an effective **multilateral tool for conflict prevention in stemming the flow of conflict diamonds.**

The Kimberley Process has made valuable developmental impact in improving the lives of most people dependent on the trade in diamonds.