



EUROPEAN UNION EXPERT MEETING

EU Control of Diamond Imports from African Countries in Conflict

Tuesday September 25 13.00-16.00

**European Parliament, Brussels,
Room A5H1**

Chair: Ms. Sjoera Dikens, Chairman of the Evert Vermeer Foundation (EVS)*

AGENDA

(Discussion will be interactive throughout)

12.45 -13.00: Formal Presentation of report to Members of the European Parliament, Council and Commission.

13.00-13.15: Welcoming speech by Mr. Max VD Berg, MEP, vice-chair of the Party of European Socialists, vice-chair of the Development Committee.

13.15-13.20: Fatal Transactions Ms. Judith Sargentini, international Campaign Co-ordinator.

13.20-13.30: Presentation of the report 'Conflict diamonds: crossing European borders?' by Ms. Myriam van der Stichele, researcher for the Centre for research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO).

* The EVS is an independent foundation with a strong bond with social democracy, which has the objective to increase public support for development cooperation in the Netherlands.

13.30- 14.10: Conflict Diamonds: a broader perspective – why regulation is needed.

- Mr. Christian Dietrich, Researcher, International Peace Information Service (IPIS)
- Mr. Marc v Bockstael, Chairman, Technical Committee, Diamond High Council (HRD)

14.10-14.50: Customs control in practice: how to implement UN sanctions.

- Mr. Frank Demeyere, Deputy chief of cabinet, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Belgium
- Mr. Wim Keizer, Origin and Customs Affairs, European Integration Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands
- Mr Clive Wright, Foreign and Common Wealth Office, UN department, UK (to be confirmed)

14.50-15.30: The European Perspective: what should the European Union do now ?

- Mr. Antonius W. de Vries, Economic and Financial Sanctions Co-ordinator, RELEX, European Commission

15.30-16.00: Conclusions: Sjoera Dikkens

18.30: Informal drinks for participants at The Grapevine, Place Luxembourg (just behind the Parliament)