



January 1st, 2014

Dear Kimberley Process Family,

At this very moment of the arrival of the New Year of 2014 and as the KP Chair of the year, I would like to extend my best wishes to our KP family.

Let me avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation to Ambassador Welile Nhlapo and his colleagues for their excellent leadership and hard work during the past year. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the KP family for your support for and confidence in China.

It is my honor to serve you all as the KP Chair. During the last year, especially during the Johannesburg Plenary meeting, I have exchanged views on the KP issues with many colleagues broadly and deeply. In 2014, I believe that my team and me will be open to your views and advices, and will cooperate closely with the KP Vice Chair Angola, the KP Participants and Observers. We will exert ourselves to fulfill our mandates, to promote full implementation of the KPCS around the world, and to keep the integrity and social credibility of KP so as to curb the conflict diamonds and contribute to the peace and development of the world.

I am happy to inform you that, our 2014 KP Chair's office is starting its work as of today. Any suggestions, comments, questions or concerns are most welcomed by us and please don't hesitate to send them to kpchair2014@aqsiq.gov.cn at any time.

Finally, I want to thank you again for your contributions to the KPCS during past ten years, we will try our best to make KP more fruitful and credible in the year 2014.

Wish you all a happy and brilliant new year!

Wei Chuanzhong

KP Chair 2014

Beijing, China

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of three stylized Chinese characters: 魏传忠.