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Kimberley Process Certification Scheme India Chair 2019



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Dear Kimberley Process Participants and Observers,

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to convey my best wishes for the New Year to all the Participants and Observers of the KP Family.

I also take this opportunity to thank Ms. Hilde Hardeman and her entire team for being an excellent Chair of the Kimberley Process in 2018. Her warmth, foresight and drive to bring changes have really enriched the KPCS.

India as Chair in 2019 looks forward to work towards continuing the dialogue for selecting the incoming Vice-Chair for 2019 so that it gets active assistance to fulfil this important task. It would be a pleasure for us to work with all the Chairs of the working bodies & committees to further strengthen the administration and implementation process and make KP more efficient in terms of delivery.

During the year 2019, it would be our endeavour to continue with the tradition and aim to support the ASM with the capacity building, technical assistance and education on valuation, differentiation between Natural and Lab Grown diamonds, importance of legal and formal mining practices.

As Chair we are particularly sensitive to the issues and challenges of Artisanal & small scale mining and acknowledge the contribution made by the KP members, Observers and agencies for their upliftment.

We remain fully committed to working towards improving the KP in all priority areas, particularly in terms of reform, enforcement & implementation.

We would like to warmly invite you to reach out to me as the focal point of KP in Indian Government at any point if you wish to convey any suggestions, comments, questions or concerns at E-mail – rupa.dutta@nic.in and look forward for close and productive cooperation with all.

We once again wish you, your families and your colleagues a fulfilling and prosperous New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

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