

# [Blood] Diamonds

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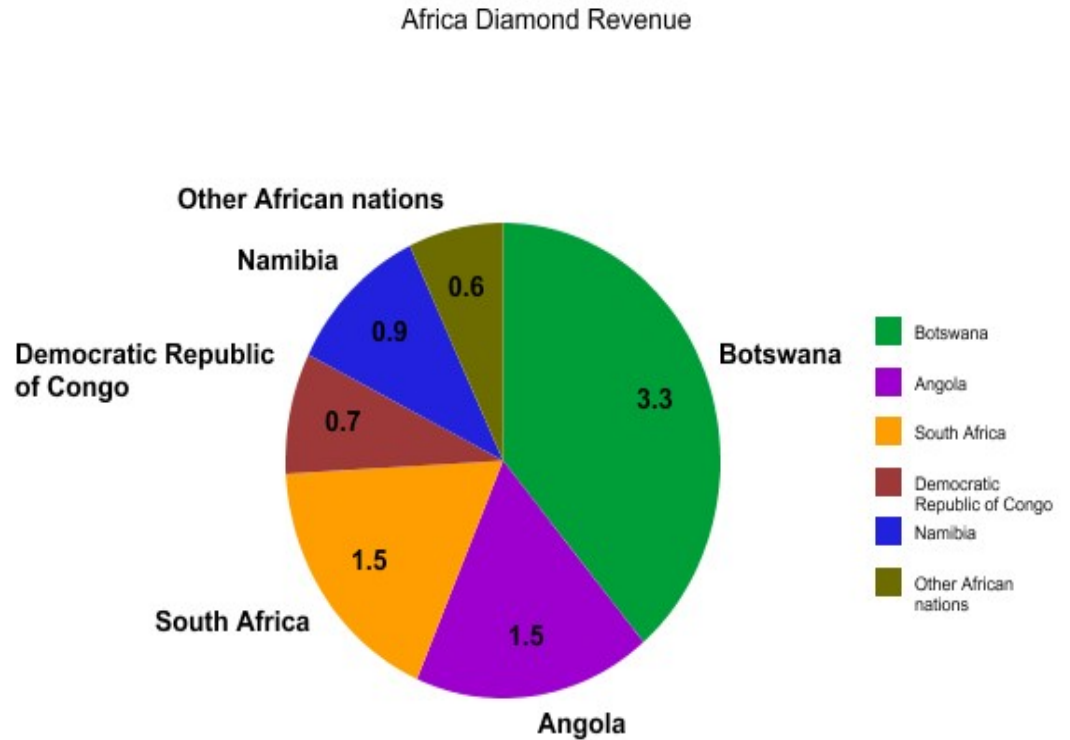
# Definition

- Conflict Diamond [kon-flikt dahy-muh nd] – *Flawless or pure stones mined to fund strives and insurgencies in war torn countries.*
- The UN's definition- *Diamonds that originate from areas controlled by forces or factions opposed to legitimate and internationally recognized governments, and are used to fund military action in oppo* governments.

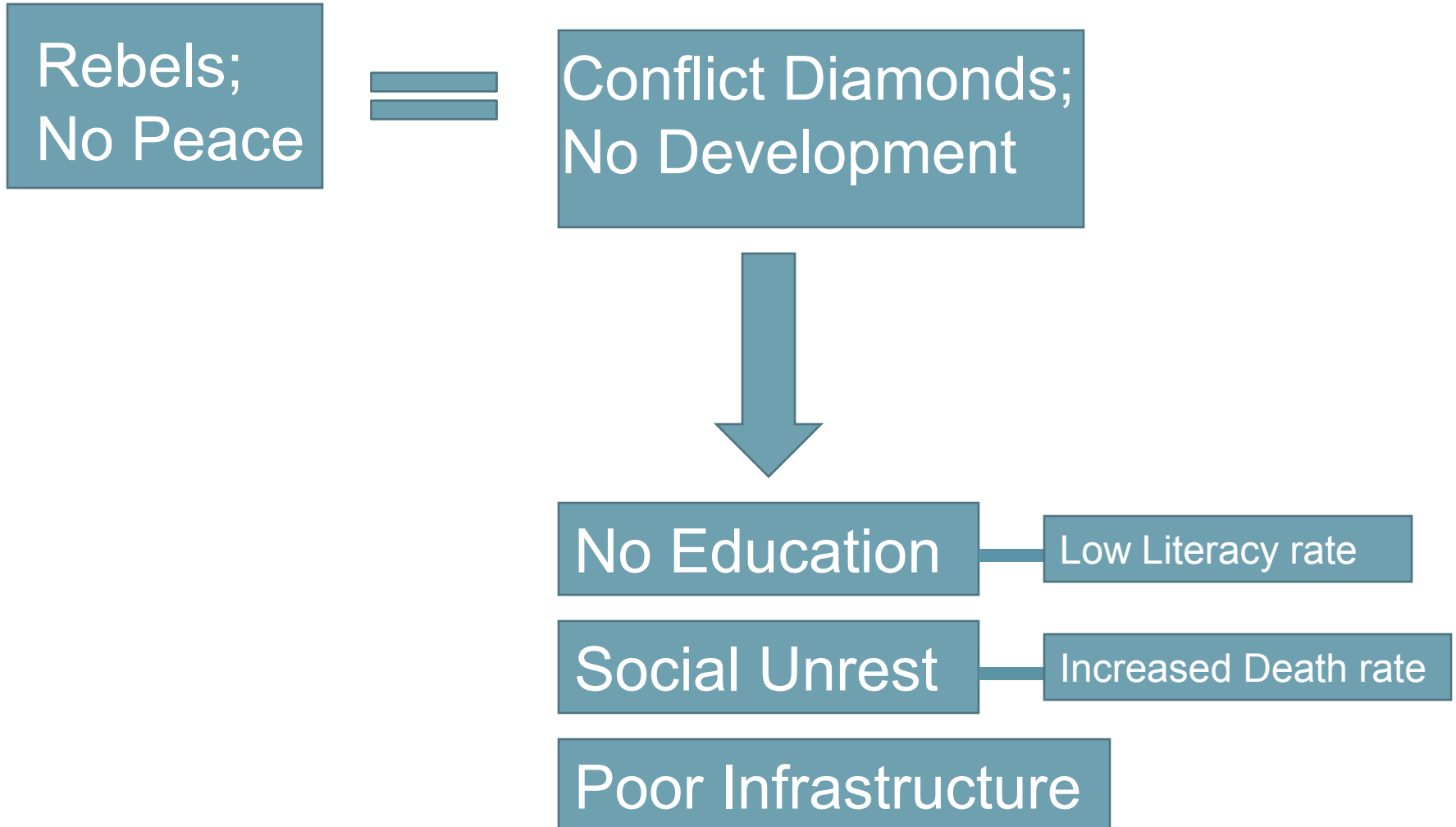


# Numbers

- About 65% of the world's diamonds comes from Africa
  - \$8.5 billion worth



# The Problem



# UN Global Issues

- Humanitarian Crisis
- Human Rights
- Refugees
  - Family, Women, AIDS, Children, Health
- Development
- Agriculture
- Disarmament
- Governance
- Population



# The Problem (cont.)



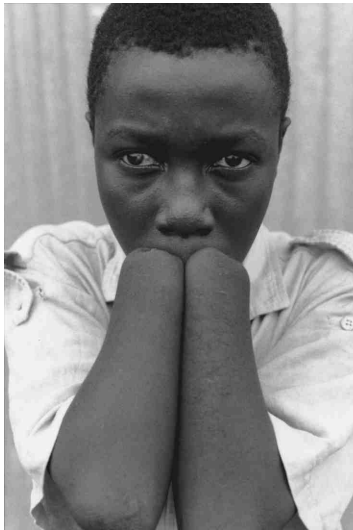
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**Rebel guard guarding a diamond mine in Angola during civil war**



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**13 year old boy carrying a sack of rock in Mbuji-Mayi, the Congolese "diamond capital."**



**17 year old boy in Sierra Leone lost both hands from rebels' machetes**



**Children work in Zimbabwe's Marange diamond mines**



# The Problem (cont.)



**Women left without hands after a village raid in Sierra Leone**



**African refugees leaving war torn regions**



# Countries Involved





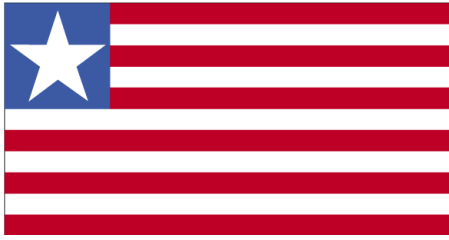
# Sierra Leone

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- National Provisional Ruling Council
- (1996-2002) Civil War with RUF
- Operation Palliser
- **Now:**
- At peace
- \$125 million export (2006 estimate)
- Diamond profits

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- Lome Peace Agreement (July 1999)
- United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone; UNAMSIL (October 1999)
- United Nations Security Council (2000)
- Joined Kimberly Process (2003)
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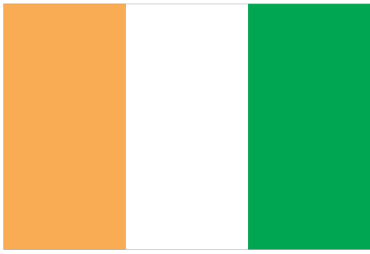
# Liberia

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- (1989-2003) Civil War
- National Patriotic Front of Liberia
- 2005- New president
- April 2007- Admitted into the Kimberley Process
  
- **Now:** At peace

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- 2000- UN officially accused Charles Taylor
- 2001- UN Sanctions
- 2003- Taylor steps down as Liberian president
- July 21, 2006 The Hague



# Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- December 1999- Civil war
- **Now:**
  - Small scale conflict
  - Reported illicit diamond funding
  - Smuggling
  - Election turmoil

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- 2005- UN Embargo
- UN Security Council Resolution
- Only conflict diamond country still under UN sanctions



# Republic of Congo

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- 1997- Marxists, Civil War
  - Displaced people
  - Humanitarian crisis

## Now:

- Admitted to Kimberley Process.
- Removed in 2004 and is now under surveillance.

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- Currently under surveillance and investigated by the Kimberley Process
- UN Sanctions



# Angola

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- Civil War (1975-2002)
  - UNITA
- Now:
  - Infrastructure down
  - Agriculture based
  - Kimberley Process

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- 1999- UN banned rebels' trade in conflict diamonds





# Zimbabwe

## History concerning conflict diamonds

- October 2008- President Robert Mugabe
- Now:
  - Currently under KPCS review mission team investigation of reported violence in 2008

## Politics & UN's Involvement

- 2009- Kimberley Process review mission
- Kimberley Process investigation

# Rebel Groups



**Nation Union for the Total  
Independence of Angola**



**Revolutionary United Front**

# Nation Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)

- First founded in 1966 to free Angola from Portuguese colonial rule
- Led by Jonas Savimbi
- Didn't want to cooperate with MPLA
- UNITA-Renovado
- Civil War (1975-2002)
- Political Party, Isaias Samakuva (2003)

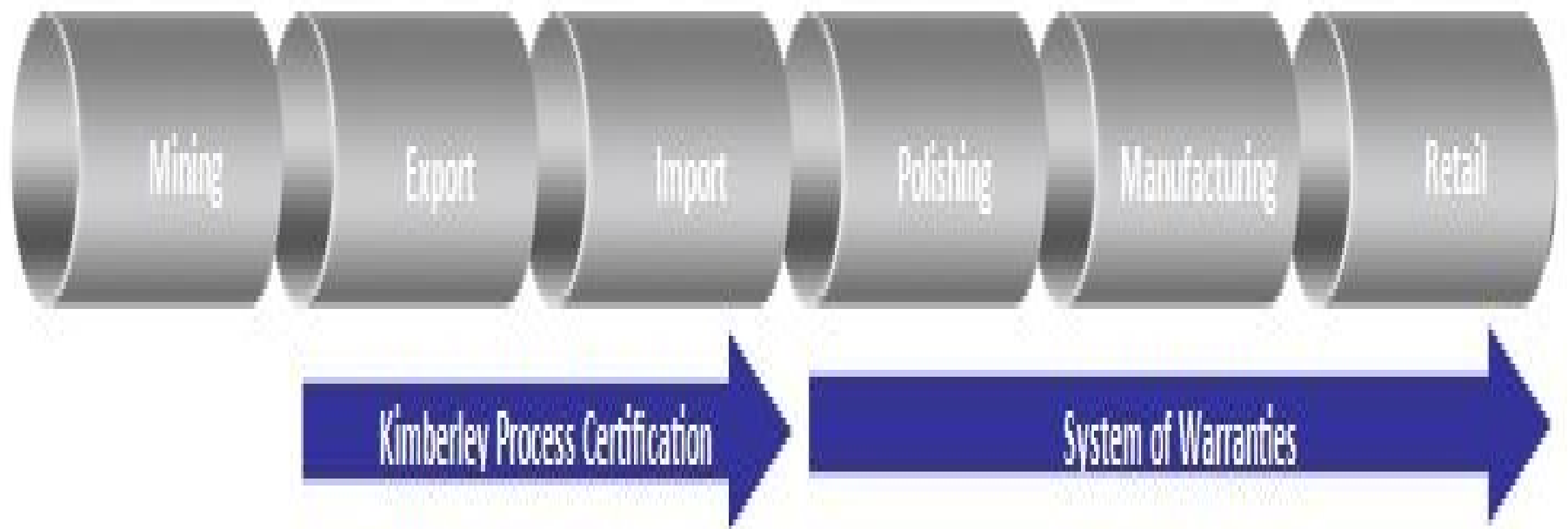
# Revolutionary United Front (RUF)

- Foday Sankoh
- At first, promised to give diamond revenues to the people of Sierra Leone
  - Revolution
- Civil War (1996-2002)
- Supported by Charles Taylor & National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)

# Smuggling

- Zimbabwe Marange diamond mines
- Ivory Coast
- Surrounding countries
- Unmonitored areas

# Policies





# Kimberly Process Certification Scheme

- Formed November 2002, operation January 1, 2003
  - World Diamond Council
  - United Nations
  - Global Witness
  - Partnership Africa Canada

# Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (cont.)

- Minimum Requirements
- Legislation & Institutions
  - Export, Import, Internal Control
- Only trade with other members of KPCS
- International shipments
  - KP certificate
    - Forgery-free
    - Uniquely numbered
  - Stored in tamper-resistant container

# KPCS Certificate



ZA 000000

HS CODE	Carat mass	Value (US\$)
7102.21		
7102.31		
7102.10		

Number of Parcels: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Exporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Importer: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
ZA 000000  
**SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND BOARD**  
**KIMBERLY PROCESS CERTIFICATE**

Issued in terms of Regulation 1(1)(f) of the Diamonds Act, 1996 (Act No. 56 of 1996)

HS CODE	Carat mass	Value (US\$)
7102.21		
7102.31		
7102.10		

Country of origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of SA Diamond Board

Number of Parcels: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

It is hereby certified that the rough diamonds in this consignment have been handled in accordance with the provisions of the Kimberley Process International Certification Scheme for unpolished diamonds

Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Exporter: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Importer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Importer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Registering Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Importing authority: \_\_\_\_\_

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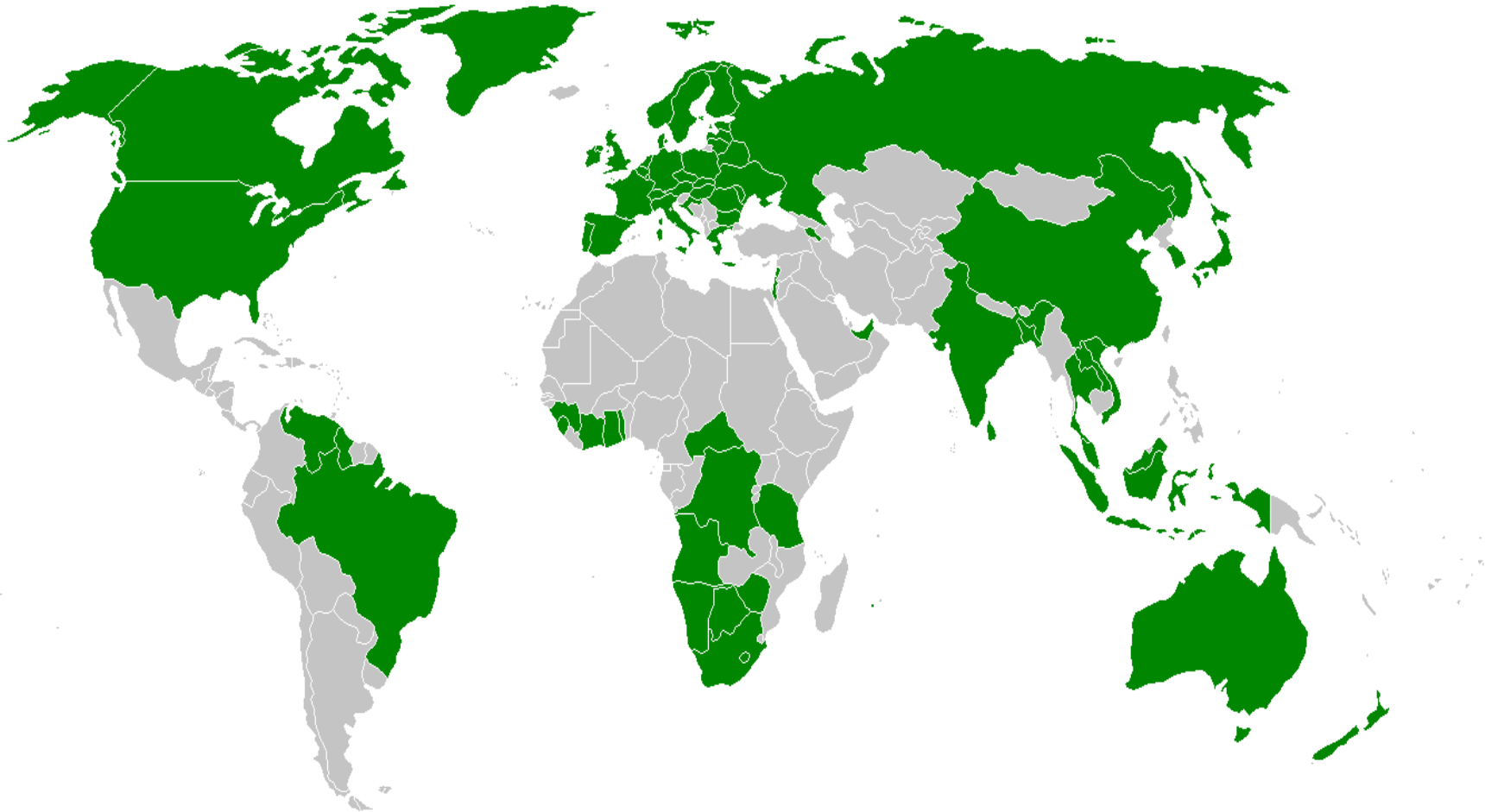
Signature of Importing official: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Importing authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Exporter's Copy



# Kimberley Process Countries



# System of Warranties

- World Diamond Council
- *"The diamonds herein invoiced have been purchased from legitimate sources not involved in funding conflict and in compliance with United Nations Resolutions. The undersigned hereby guarantees that these diamonds are conflict free, based on personal knowledge and/or written guarantees provided by the supplier of these diamonds."*
- 5 years

# Global Awareness

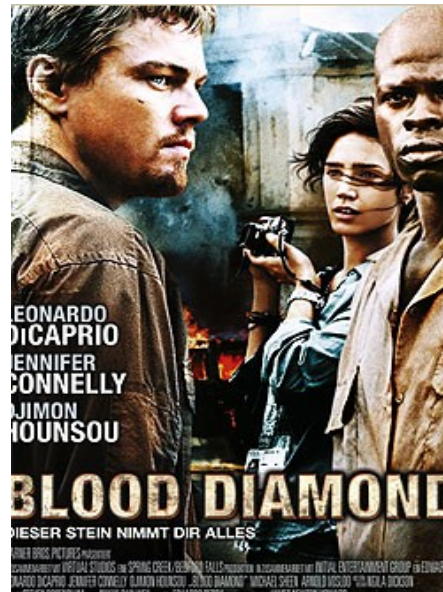
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
  - Global Witness “*A Rough Trade*”
- January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000
  - Partnership Africa Canada “*Heart of the Matter*”



# Blood Diamond (2006)

- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006- *Blood Diamond*
  - Starring Leonardo DiCaprio (Danny Archer), Djimon Hounsou (Solomon Vandy), and Jennifer Connelly (Maddy Bowen)
- The [government] wants you to vote. They say “the future is in your hands.” We now the future. So we take your hands! No more hands, no more voting! – RUF
- "The soil is red from the blood that has been spilled on this country" – Colonel Coetzee

# Blood Diamond (2006) Cont.



# Current Events

- August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010- Naomi Campbell, Charles Taylor, Mia Farrow
- (AFP reported December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010) Ivory Coast- uncontrolled illicit diamond smuggling/export to international countries
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011- Ivory Coast elections turmoil



# Supporting Conflict-Free Diamonds

- United Nations
- Kimberley Process
- World Diamond Council
- Global Witness
- Partnership Africa Canada
- De Beers
- Global Policy Forum
- Amnesty International
- International Crisis Group

# UN's Approach

- Kimberley Process
- Governments
  - Inter-governmental
  - Non-governmental
    - Military insurgencies
- Diamond traders
- Institutions
  - Financial
  - Educational
  - Social
- Arms manufacturers

# UN's Involvement

- Kimberly Process
  - (December 2000) General Assembly resolution
- Sanctions
  - Chapter VII of UN Charter
    - Resolution 864 (1993)
    - Resolution 1173 (1998)
      - Ban of illicit diamonds
      - Arms embargo
    - Resolution 1448 (2002)
      - Sanctions lifted by Security Council
    - Resolution 1306
      - Ban import of rough diamonds
- UNOCI
- UNAMSIL
- UNICEF
- UNHCR

# Concluding Solutions

- Maintaining and improving the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme
- Find ways for neighboring countries to cooperate with UN embargos
  - avoid smuggling
- Work with government, non-government, institutions, traders, arms manufacturers within the country

# Concluding Solutions (cont.)

- Stricter regulation of Kimberley Process certificates
- Buy Conflict-Free diamonds
- Prior to the establishment of Kimberley Process = no certificates/regulations
- To eradicate all traces of conflict diamonds is ideal but it will take time. Future- KP improvement so that diamonds can benefit local communities/governments
- Benefit local communities  
infrastructure/education → improve





Quel prix pour ces diamants ?

Non au commerce des armes et des minerais provenant des pays qui violent les droits humains. Amnesty International

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