



# **RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## **A. GENERAL**

### **1. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, VIENNA, 1983 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) The Executive Committee recommends that if as a result of carrying out a decision of the W.F.D.B. an exchange should be sued and thereby incurs legal costs, these should be borne by the W.F.D.B.

These decisions of the W.F.D.B. usually relate to matters of suspension and exclusion. Decisions as to assessment of costs will rest solely with President, Secretary General and Treasurer General, and will be final.

- (2) Refusal by any exchange to implement any ruling or decision duly arrived at by the World Federation of Diamond Bourses will result in suspension or expulsion of that exchange, as the circumstances may warrant.

The suspension or expulsion may be implemented by the General Assembly of the World Congress, at its official meetings.

### **2. 23<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS, TEL-AVIV, 1986 RESOLUTION**

That all Bourses should follow strictly the measures of suspension and expulsion taken by other Bourses.

*(Proposed by the four Antwerp bourses)*

**3. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, IDAR-OBERSTEIN, 1987**  
**RESOLUTION**

The W.F.D.B. should in no case pay the expenses, incurred by arbitration procedures handled by its international arbitration panels. “

The litigant or litigants who are sentenced to pay these costs should, if necessary, be compelled to do so by their Bourse.

*(Proposed by Mr. A. FISCHLER, seconded and completed by Mr. S. ZUCKER)*

**4. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, IDAR-OBERSTEIN, 1987**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

The meeting unanimously recommends that Bourses hosting a Congress should pay particular attention to all attending official guests.

**5. 24<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SINGAPORE, 1988**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Bourses approached for membership by residents from countries where a diamond Bourse exists, should before accepting this candidate, contact the Bourse(s) in the country where the applicant resides, to hear whether there are any objections to this candidature.

The applicant cannot be accepted unless a letter is received from the Bourse in his country of origin, stating that there is no objection.

*(Recommendation of the 1987 Presidents' Meeting and amended by Mr. E. GOLDSTEIN)*

6. **24<sup>th</sup>.CONGRESS, SINGAPORE, 1988**  
**RESOLUTION**

Any member of a Bourse affiliated to the W.F.D.B. shall be able to enter for a limited period as a “guest” in any other affiliated Bourse in a city other than his own, on the presentation of adequate credentials and information meeting the requirements to the host Bourse’s satisfaction.

*(Proposed by Messrs. A. MEIROM, R. SHAPIRO, H. LEVY AND R. BAR)*

7. **24<sup>th</sup>.CONGRESS, SINGAPORE, 1988**  
**RESOLUTION**

That all member Bourses be required to advise other Bourses immediately of any major trade frauds or bad debts, to enable Bourse members worldwide to protect themselves.

*(Proposed by Mr. D. WOOLF)*

8. **24<sup>th</sup>.CONGRESS, SINGAPORE, 1988**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

The Diamond Certification Laboratories are recommended to change the title of the certificates to Diamond Grading Report.

**9. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, VIENNA, 1989**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

That each organization should insure its officers against possible financial implications of law suits.

That the W.F.D.B. should likewise insure its officers.

That each organization should adhere strictly to the laws of its country.

**10. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, VIENNA, 1989**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) to encourage the members of the affiliated Bourses to advertise their membership on all stationery and invoices which are circularized within the trade;

(2) to start a campaign to promote the worth of membership in the W.F.D.B. under the slogan :  
Membership of a diamond Bourse protects you.

*(Based on the proposal by Mr. I. BECK)*

**11. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, TEL-AVIV, 1990**  
**PROPOSAL**

This Presidents' Meeting expresses the hope that the different laboratories presently discussing harmonization of grading would succeed in reaching a consensus as soon as possible. “

*(Proposal by Mr. D. WOOLF and amended by Mr. W. VERSTANDIG)*

**12. 25<sup>th</sup>.CONGRESS, LONDON, 1991**  
**RESOLUTION**

Free access to the Bourse buildings should be granted to members of affiliated Bourses. A visitor is only entitled to trade when complying with all local regulations.

*(Based on an amended proposal of Dr. E. COLOMBI)*

**13. 25<sup>th</sup>.CONGRESS, LONDON, 1991**  
**RESOLUTION**

Because it is important that matters relating to the Diamond Industry such as diamond grading standards and nomenclature are dealt with by independent professionals who are fully aware of the importance of all this, a motion is put forward to give continued support to the ongoing efforts of the I.D.C., the G.I.A. and other similar institutions to act in discussions on harmonization. The different standards used by several renowned laboratories have fully proved their worth. It is therefore strongly recommended to confirm the mandate given to the efforts of the I.D.C., the G.I.A. and other similar institutions to establish a harmonized and internationally recognized set of grading standards and nomenclature.

*(Proposed by Mr. S. ZUCKER and seconded by Mr. D. HAHN)*

**14. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

The meeting recommended that bourses give favourable consideration individually when confronted with cases of Bourse members relocating to another country.

**15. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Bourses be encouraged to discipline their members for flagrant over-classification of diamonds.

*( proposed by Mr. D. WOOLF and seconded by Messrs. R. SHAPIRO and D. HAHN)*

**16. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Decided that when a Bourse fails to co-operate the matter should be referred to the Officers of the W.F.D.B. and to the Executive Committee for further action if necessary.

**17. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that Bourses should take appropriate measures to allow disputes with non-members to be heard.

**18. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that W.F.D.B. should make a list of current suspensions once every 3 months for information.

**19. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, NEW YORK, 1992**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Each bourse shall fax the name, business name, address and birthday of all new applicants for membership to the W.F.D.B..

The W.F.D.B. Secretariat shall notify all Bourses promptly.

If the applicant is not in good standing with any Bourse, such fact shall be promptly made known to the W.F.D.B. or to the processing Bourse.

Further recommended that membership applications Provide that the Bourse is entitled to request accurate information from other Bourses.

Further recommended that Bourses furnish any requested information within 30 days.

*(Proposal by Mr. H. TORCZYNER)*

**20. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, ANTWERP, 1994**  
**RESOLUTION**

In order to protect diamond workers worldwide, the W.F.D.B. and I.D.M.A. condemn the employment of under-age workers, the use of cobalt polishing wheels, and any other improper labour practices.

**21. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, ANTWERP, 1994**  
**RESOLUTION**

- (a) The fact that a bourse member has reached an official settlement with his creditors shall be advised to the World Federation of Diamond Bourses for circulation to affiliated members.
- (b) A bourse member who enters into a settlement with his creditors shall advise his bourse thereof.

*(written by Messrs. D. WOOLF, F. HAGER and H. BRACHFELD)*

**22. 27<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, TEL-AVIV, 1996**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Only the Presidents of the affiliated Bourses or their representatives should participate in a Presidents' Meeting.

**23. 27<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, TEL-AVIV, 1996**  
**RESOLUTION**

The W.F.D.B. resolves to adopt an open-door policy which allows :

- a) Buying in affiliated Bourses and
- b) Selling in affiliated Bourses subject to local Bourse and legal regulations.

**24. 27<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, TEL-AVIV, 1996**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

To prohibit the posting of notices on Bourse premises for the purchase or sale of fracture-filled diamonds, provided that such prohibition does not conflict with local laws.

**25. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, IDAR-OBERSTEIN 2001**  
**JOINT STATEMENT WFDB AND IDMA**

The World Federation of Diamond Bourses and the International Diamond Manufacturers' Association reaffirm that both bodies have a joint and important role and responsibility in maintaining stability and prosperity in the worldwide diamond industry and trade.

Both organisations together will do their utmost to achieve these goals. It has been decided to meet with the Diamond Trading Company and all major producers of rough diamonds in order to address immediate and important concerns.

These concerns cover a broad range of issues that cannot be addressed at one meeting. Therefore, to make these meetings more effective, different discussions will be led by each organisation.

As there is total solidarity on these subjects between the organisations, each organisation will send representatives to each meeting.

**26. 31<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS, NEW YORK, 2004**  
**RESOLUTION**

The WFDB resolves to talk to JCK to organise, on an annual basis, a trade show, which would be held as a preference in New York or any other suitable international location. The show would specifically be intended for diamonds and coloured gem stones .

**27. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, ANTWERP, 24 APRIL 2005**  
**RESOLUTION**

In the light of the surplus generated by the recent Congress, the Executive Committee has decided that in future any surplus shall accrue to the WFDB for the promotion of its trade activities.

**28. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, MUMBAI 2005**  
**JOINT RESOLUTION WFDB AND IDMA**

The WFDB and IDMA note the provisions of the U.S. Patriot Act and the praiseworthy goals which the act is designed to achieve. It further notes that similar legislation in other countries exists or is being prepared with the same goals.

The WFDB and IDMA are concerned that implementation of the U.S. Patriot Act in the diamond gem and jewelry industry will disturb the free flow of international trade with the United States and may create a trade barrier.

We encourage U.S. regulators to accept foreign dealers who fully comply with their countries AML legislation in the same way as they do accept U.S. dealers who comply with the U.S. Patriot Act regulations.

WFDB and IDMA will work with all government authorities to encourage international compliance with AML laws.

## **B. TREATED DIAMONDS**

### **1. 26<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, ANTWERP 1993 RESOLUTION**

The fact that diamonds have been artificially infused with foreign matter, or are coated, or are wholly or partially synthetic, or have been treated by irradiation, must be disclosed as such when offered for sale and in writing on the invoice and memorandum. Any breach of the above rule by a member of an affiliated Bourse shall be regarded as fraudulent.

Any violation of the above rule shall be referred to the Bourse for disciplinary action and shall be grounds for suspension, expulsion, fine or such other appropriate disciplinary measure as provided by the By-Laws of the Bourse. If the seller alleges that he was not aware of any treatment, he shall bear the burden of proof thereof in order to avoid any sanction.

If the seller of a diamond, even in good faith, fails to abide by the above rule, the buyer shall be entitled to cancel the sale, return the diamond, obtain a refund of the purchase price and any direct damage as the buyer may have suffered.

*(1992 Resolution amended by the Judicial Committee assisted by the General Counsel)*

2. **28<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, BANGKOK, 1998**  
**JOINT RESOLUTION WFDB/IDMA ON LASER DRILLING**

Although laser drilling is an acceptable, permanent process utilised in the cutting and polishing of diamonds, and does not infuse a foreign substance into a diamond or otherwise affect its integrity, it is nevertheless required that this process be disclosed in writing when offered for sale.

This resolution will take effect on January 1, 1999.

3. **PRESIDENTS' MEETING, MOSCOW 1999**  
**RESOLUTION**

1. If a diamond has been treated or processed in order to alter or enhance its color, other than by generally accepted procedures of cutting and polishing, this fact must be disclosed in writing when such a diamond is offered for sale or submitted for certification.
2. The removal of a lasered inscription which identifies a diamond as having been treated or processed as above, shall be considered a deceptive practice.
3. Any violation of Article 1 or 2 above shall be regarded as fraudulent and shall be referred to the applicable Bourse for disciplinary action and shall be grounds for suspension, expulsion, fine or such other disciplinary measure as the Bourse deems fit.
4. If such treated or processed diamond is sold without disclosure in breach of the above rule, even in good faith, the buyer shall be entitled to cancel the sale, return the diamond and obtain a refund of the purchase price.

**4. 30<sup>th</sup> WFDB CONGRESS, LONDON, 2002**  
**COMBINED RESOLUTION ON TREATED DIAMONDS**  
**ACCEPTED BY THE 28<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE WORLD**  
**FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES IN BANGKOK, JULY 26-**  
**29, 1998 AND AMENDED AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE**  
**WFDB, LONDON, OCTOBER 27-29, 2002**

1. The WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES rules that in the event of any infusion or coating of foreign matter, treatment by irradiation, or by high pressure/high temperature (HPHT) or any other treatment, the manufacture in part or in whole synthetically
  - a) In the case of rough diamonds, the foregoing are totally prohibited
  - b) In the case of polished diamonds, the foregoing must be disclosed in writing when offered for sale or sold.
2. Any violation of the above shall be regarded as fraudulent, shall be referred to the applicable Bourse for disciplinary action and shall be grounds for suspension, expulsion, fine or such other disciplinary measure as the Bourse deems fit.
3. If a seller of a rough or polished diamond, even in good faith, is party to offering a diamond for sale which is in breach of the above rule, the buyer shall be entitled to cancel the sale, return the diamond and obtain a refund of the purchase price and any direct damage which he may have suffered.
4. For the protection of the consumer, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES strongly urges:
  - a) Gemmological laboratories not to issue diamond grading reports on diamonds which have been artificially infused or coated with foreign matter;
  - b) Bourses to prohibit the posting of notices on Bourse premises for the purchase and sale of such diamonds, provided that such prohibition is not in conflict with local laws .
5. THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES strongly urges gemmological laboratories to disclose in diamond grading reports the fact that laser-drilling has been applied to a diamond.

**5. 30<sup>th</sup> WFDB CONGRESS, LONDON, 2002**  
**RESOLUTION**

Congress strongly reminds members:  
of the duty to disclose treatments and in particular  
HPHT:

Failure to do so will automatically result in a severe  
sanction which can take the form or lead to an expulsion.

It is of absolute necessity for bourses to act  
immediately and to implement a severe sanction procedure  
against the wrongdoers.

We furthermore request the co-operation of the  
gemmological laboratories in identifying the wrongdoers  
and informing the bourses accordingly.”

*(pertaining exclusively to polished diamonds)*

**6. PRESIDENTS’ MEETING, SUN CITY/SOUTH AFRICA 2003**  
**RESOLUTION**

The World Federation of Diamond Bourses notes with  
concern that more HPHT-treated diamonds are entering the  
market and resolves that

- A. A Laboratory Liaison Committee be appointed to  
investigate and deal with the matter.
- B. IDMA and the DTC be invited to join this Committee  
and that the Committee consults with laboratories.
- C. This Committee is to report within three months to the  
WFDB Executive Committee.
- D. Members be reminded that it is illegal to treat rough  
diamonds and any treatment of polished diamonds be  
disclosed.

7. **31<sup>st</sup> WFDB CONGRESS, NEW YORK, 2004**  
**RESOLUTION**

The WFDB acknowledges the progress made by the Leading trade laboratories in the matter of certification of HPHT-treated diamonds.

The WFDB calls upon all the trade laboratories to introduce a format for such certificates wherein the fact that the diamond is HPHT treated shall be unambiguous and clearly evident at first glance.

## C. SYNTHETHICS

### 1. 30<sup>th</sup> WFDB CONGRESS, LONDON, 2002 COMBINED RESOLUTION ON TREATED DIAMONDS ACCEPTED BY THE 28<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES IN BANGKOK, JULY 26-29, 1998 AND AMENDED AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE WFDB, LONDON, OCTOBER 27-29, 2002

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  - a) In the case of rough diamonds, the foregoing are totally prohibited
  - b) In the case of polished diamonds, the foregoing must be disclosed in writing when offered for sale or sold.
2. Any violation of the above shall be regarded as fraudulent, shall be referred to the applicable Bourse for disciplinary action and shall be grounds for suspension, expulsion, fine or such other disciplinary measure as the Bourse deems fit .
3. If a seller of a rough or polished diamond, even in good faith, is party to offering a diamond for sale which is in breach of the above rule, the buyer shall be entitled to cancel the sale, return the diamond and obtain a refund of the purchase price and any direct damage which he may have suffered.
4. For the protection of the consumer, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES strongly urges:
  - a) Gemmological laboratories not to issue diamond grading reports on diamonds which have been artificially infused or coated with foreign matter;
  - b) Bourses to prohibit the posting of notices on Bourse premises for the purchase and sale of such diamonds, provided that such prohibition is not in conflict with local laws.

5. THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES strongly urges gemmological laboratories to disclose in diamond grading reports the fact that laser-drilling has been applied to a diamond.

2. **31<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS, NEW YORK, 2004**  
**RESOLUTION**

The WFDB resolves to co-operate fully with any other internationally recognised trade associations and companies to formulate a common standard of disclosures and nomenclature for synthetic diamonds.

Furthermore, the WFDB calls upon all the laboratories to refrain from issuing grading reports for synthetic diamonds.

This should be clear and unequivocal so that the consumers are fully aware of, and confident in, the nature of the product they are purchasing.

3. **32<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS, TEL AVIV, 2006**  
**RESOLUTION**

That the usage of synthetic diamonds for gem purposes be acknowledged and that gemmological laboratories be requested and encouraged to issue certificates describing same, provided that such certificates clearly emphasise the fact that such are synthetic diamonds.

4. **32<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS, TEL AVIV, 2006**  
**RESOLUTION**

That the term “synthetic diamonds” be used for man-made/laboratory produced diamonds.

5. **32<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS, TEL AVIV, 2006**  
**RESOLUTION**

That the terminology normally used by laboratories to describe the features of diamonds should not be utilised for synthetic diamonds and that the IDC be authorised to formulate alternative terminology to describe such features for usage by laboratories.

6. **33<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS, SHANGHAI 2008**  
**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE WFDB, IDMA AND CIBJO**  
**REGARDING IDC RULES FOR GRADING DIAMONDS**

IDC announces that CIBJO recognizes and respects the revised IDC Rules issued on the grading of polished diamonds. The IDC, a joint committee of the WFDB and IDMA was formed to address all matters concerning polished diamonds, dealing with diamond grading and nomenclature. The revised rules were approved in Shanghai by the executive of both organisations.

The revised IDC rules include terminology that broadens the range of descriptors being used for diamonds that have been created in laboratory or factory. According to the new IDC rules, synthetic diamonds will be described as : “synthetic diamonds”, “laboratory-grown diamonds”, “laboratory-created diamonds”, or “man-made diamonds”, as mentioned above, in each case the word diamond or diamonds must always appear. Under no circumstances may the term “cultured” be used to describe synthetic diamonds.

## **D. CONFLICT DIAMONDS**

### **1. 29<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS, ANTWERP, 2000** **JOINT RESOLUTION WFDB AND IDMA**

WFDB and IDMA, representing all the principal diamond manufacturing and trading centers of the world, have consistently been aware of and been involved in combating the conflict diamonds problem. Particularly, they point to the numerous resolutions passed by themselves and their members.

We believe that more can and should be done to limit, if not eliminate, this problem entirely.

We believe that the solution to the conflict diamonds problem is a moral imperative above all others.

However we do not believe that the solution necessarily entails damage or limitation to the 96+% of the world diamond trade which is legitimate.

On the contrary, we believe that an enlightened and effective approach to the problem can lead to the improvement of the diamond market overall.

It is our understanding that all concerned parties are aware of the positive benefits of diamonds as well as their potential role in providing prosperity, a key ingredient of peace, in countries currently experiencing strife. Over the past year, various solutions have been proposed. We have analyzed these proposals, some of which we have found to be ineffective, others more practical and some impractical. All the proposals have had elements that we believe are logical and should be incorporated into an effective solution.

As diamond manufacturers and traders primarily responsible for the conversion of rough diamonds into polished and the marketing of those polished diamonds, we are proposing a number of concrete steps to be taken by all parties concerned which we believe will lead to a more effective and immediate resolution of the problem.

While our proposal may be subject in the future to any number of improvements, we believe it is, in the first instance, practically implementable in the short term, and it does not preclude further steps being taken as and when “the means and requirement arise.

Specifically and most importantly, we are mindful that the next phase of solution must start sooner rather than later and that if this is to be done in a non-destructive manner, the most practically implementable steps must be taken first, in order that the process not be delayed with theoretical concepts and technologies.

1. We recognize that rough diamonds individually are not sufficiently determinable as to source and origin. However, with the correct system, rough diamond parcels can be monitored within a net.
2. There is no implementable means of tagging, tracking and identifying finished polished diamonds.
3. All legitimate diamonds in their rough form can travel within an identifiable net.

Accordingly we propose:

1. Each accredited rough diamond importing country, whether a producer, manufacturing or dealing center, enacts “redline” legislation. As such, no parcel of rough may be imported unless such parcel of rough has been sealed and registered in a universally standardized manner by an accredited export authority from the exporting country.
2. Each exporting country, which can be either a producer country or accredited dealing/manufacturing center, will establish accredited export offices or diamond board which will seal parcels of rough diamonds to be exported and registered in an international database. If the country is a producer country, it will be accredited only if it has control mechanisms in place to determine the flow of rough and legitimate ownership of rough presented to the export authority.
3. Polished diamond consuming countries will enact legislation forbidding importation of polished diamonds from any manufacturing/dealing country that does not have “redline” legislation as regards the importation of rough.
4. Each and every country, as part of the diamond net, be they rough exporters, importers, or polished consuming countries, enacts legislation bringing criminal

penalties on any individual and/or company proven to be knowingly involved in illegal rough diamonds.

5. Each and every diamond organization adopts an ethical code of conduct as regards conflict diamonds, labor practices and good business practices in general, the failure to adhere to which would lead to expulsion from WFDB, IDMA and all other relevant organizations.
6. As a positive measure of compliance, all relevant and interested parties promote adherence to the code of conduct as a positive consumer choice in the marketplace.
7. We enlist the support of the banks, insurance, shipping companies and other pertinent providers of goods and services to our industry to expose and cease business relations with any entity that is found knowingly to violate these principles.
8. That there is a continual analysis of relevant technologies and investment by the industry in developing them further for implementation leading to greater compliance.
9. That compliance with the above be monitored and controlled by a World Diamond Council comprised of producers, manufacturers, traders, governments and relevant international organizations. That this process be fully verified and audited.

A joint committee of both organizations has been formed in order to ensure rapid implementation of the above.

As we envisage it, each time rough diamonds leave a producer or rough trading center, those rough diamonds would be sealed in a standardized manner by an authority accredited by the World Diamond Council. This is the only means by which those diamonds could be imported into the next country.

We understand that it is the nature of the diamond business and directly related to the profitability of mines and the efficient manufacturing processes currently employed, that rough diamonds of various origins and qualities are mixed together into saleable parcels. Therefore, our system allows for the mixture of such parcels by requiring their further export and import from any mixing or dealing center to be subject once again to sealing and documentation.

Key to the whole process is monitoring and keeping accounts of the date flows. In particular, it is essential to be able to verify and see that one country's exports to another are matched by that country's official imports from the exporting country. All accounts should, ultimately, balance.

The establishment of the World Diamond Council is crucial to this process in that the World Diamond Council would be required to balance all imports and exports and accredit importing and exporting authorities in each country.

Just as importantly, it is undoubtedly correct to assume that a certain degree of deliberate non compliance may occur. The World Diamond Council would be required to remove export accreditation from producer countries where rough exports are known to exceed production capacity or verified official imports.

By the same token, the World Diamond Council would be able to remove the accreditation of countries to import diamonds if it was found that those countries were allowing the import of non-verifiable rough.

We believe that funding for our proposals can be achieved through charging a minimal levy, both on the import and export of rough diamonds. Undoubtedly, effectiveness of the system can be improved over time. However, we believe that we will immediately close off all the legal loopholes by which conflict diamonds may currently be entering the trade.

This will make the task of relevant customs and criminal authorities far easier in terms of identifying and prosecuting perpetrators. In particular, if all legitimate rough diamonds are knowingly declared, the four percent of conflict rough diamonds will be impossible for those few companies trading in them to hide.

As a final note, we do not claim that this is an immediately perfect system or that improvements cannot be made. However, we believe that these are practically implementable measures, that they will be highly effective in terms of the current status quo and that they can be relatively rapidly implemented without precluding any further additions.

Most significantly, we believe that our proposals will see immediate results and that they are non-destructive to the legitimate industry and producer countries.

In fact they stand to enhance the legitimate trade. By adopting a code of conduct, consumer choice can be made into a positive enhancement of the diamond industry, without the necessity of negative imagery.

2. **30<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, London, 2002**  
**JOINT WFDB/IDMA RESOLUTION**

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DIAMOND BOURSES and the INTERNATIONAL DIAMOND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, recognizing that the trade in conflict diamonds is a matter of serious international concern being addressed by governments, industry and civil society in the Kimberley Process, and mindful of the unacceptable suffering of innocent people, unanimously adopted the following resolution at their joint meeting in London the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2002:

- a) To meet the challenge of preventing the trade of conflict diamonds, both organizations, and their constituent and affiliated members hereby create the following voluntary system of industry self-regulation in order to comply and support government undertakings of the Kimberley Process.
- b) Each member organization undertakes to require its members to :

**SYSTEM OF WARRANTIES:**

- i. Make the following affirmative statement on all invoices for the sale of rough diamonds, polished diamonds and jewelry containing diamonds. "The diamonds herein invoiced have been purchased from legitimate sources not involved in funding conflict and in compliance with United Nations resolutions. The seller hereby guarantees that these diamonds are conflict free, based on personal knowledge and/or written guarantees provided by the supplier of these diamonds.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

- ii. Not to buy any diamonds from firms that do not include the above statement on their invoices.
- iii. Not to buy any diamonds from suspect or unknown sources of supply and/or that originate in countries that have not implemented the Kimberley Process International Certification Scheme.

- iv. Not to buy diamonds from any source that after a legally binding due process system has been found to have violated government regulations restricting the trade in conflict diamonds.
  - v. Not to buy diamonds in or from any region that is subject to an advisory by a governmental authority that conflict diamonds are emanating from or available for sale in such region unless such diamonds have been exported from such region in compliance with Kimberley Process requirements.
  - vi. Not to knowingly buy or sell or assist others to buy or sell conflict diamonds.
  - vii. Assure that all company employees that buy or sell diamonds within the diamond trade are well-informed regarding trade resolutions restricting the trade in conflict diamonds.
- c. Each member organization shall expell and publicize the expulsion of any members that after a due process investigation by the member's trade organization has been found to be in violation of the above resolutions.
- d. In coordination with and upon the advice of governmental authorities each member organization shall publicize within the diamond trade
- i. All government regulations governing the flow of conflict diamonds and all advisories from governments regarding the trade of conflict diamonds.
  - ii. The names of firms and/or individuals that after legally binding due process have been found to be guilty of violating Kimberley Process requirements (including government regulations) applicable to the trade in conflict diamonds.
  - iii. The names of all regions and locations that governmental authorities advise that conflict diamonds are emanating from or available for sale.
- e. Each member organization shall assist and provide technical support regarding government regulations and trade resolutions restricting the trade in conflict diamonds to all legitimate parties in need of such information or expertise.

**3. 31<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS, New York, 2004**  
**JOINT WFDB/IDMA RESOLUTION**

The International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA) and World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) re-confirm their commitment to end any use of rough diamonds for the purpose of funding conflict in Africa. By forming together in 2000 the World Diamond Council, IDMA and WFDB worked closely with governments and civil society to formulate the Kimberley Process not only to contribute to the end of conflicts by preventing so-called conflict diamonds from entering the legitimate trade, but also to contribute to effective conflict prevention.

Diamonds make an enormous contribution to the economic development and prosperity of the nations that produce, cut, manufacture and design diamonds and diamond jewellery. Our endorsement of the Kimberley Process and the supporting system of warranties has contributed to the achievement of the main goals of the Kimberley Process. We will continue to remain vigilant so that rough diamonds are never again used to fuel war.

Consistent with the undertakings expressed by the World Diamond Council at the Kimberley Process Plenary meeting in October 2001 in Luanda, Angola, the Joint Resolution of IDMA and WFDB passed at the World Diamond Congress in London in October 2002, and consistent with previously enacted individual resolutions adopted by all member organisations of the WFDB and IDMA, it is hereby resolved that WFDB and IDMA strenuously urge its members to continue to fully enact and implement the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) and its supporting system of warranties.

1. Each member is urged to continue to educate themselves and other members of the industry in the implementation and enactment of the KPCS and the supporting system of warranties.

2. Each organisation is urged to pro-actively ensure that their members seek from their suppliers specific warranties on any invoice or memo accompanying diamonds or jewellery containing diamonds that the diamonds are traded in a manner consistent with UN resolutions, the Kimberley Process and the system of warranties.
3. Each organisation is urged to pro-actively ensure their members include on each invoice or memo for diamonds or jewellery containing diamonds a warranty that they have been traded in a manner consistent with UN resolutions, the Kimberley Process, and the system of warranties .
4. Each company is urged to periodically review their individual business records of incoming and outgoing warranties for the purpose of ensuring the use of warranties for all goods traded.

IDMA and WFDB call upon all other sectors of the diamond trade, including jewellery manufacturing and retail sectors to fully participate in efforts to educate their members on the system of warranties and to fully participate in the efforts of the World Diamond Congress to implement the obligations of the Kimberly Process and the system of warranties.

## **E. SUPPLIER OF CHOICE**

### **1. PRESIDENTS' MEETING, SUN CITY/SOUTH AFRICA 2003 RESOLUTION**

Resolution of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses regarding the Supplier of Choice Policy of the Diamond Trading Company.

The World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) has discussed the Supplier of Choice (SoC) program and the way in which it is being implemented by the Diamond Trading Company (DTC). It has heard the viewpoint expressed by Gareth Penny, the director of sales and marketing of the DTC.

In the opinion of the WFDB, SoC has created a situation in which the rough market has become concentrated in fewer hands, which seriously threatens the business structure of the established wholesale diamond sector, and is likely to have a major adverse effect on the future of the entire wholesale diamond industry and trade.

In light of this, the WFDB has emphasized that it does not accept the way in which SoC has been implemented. Therefore, the WFDB has decided the following:

1. To create a committee that will investigate any actions that will protect the best interests of the members of organizations affiliated to the WFDB.
2. This will include an approach to all major diamond producers to discuss their future commitment to the overall health of the international diamond market, and more specifically the future continued supply of rough diamonds to the open market. In this matter, the committee will invite the International Diamond Manufacturers Association to include its own representatives.

3. Participants in the committee will be: S. SCHNITZER, president of the WFDB and the Israel Diamond Exchange; J. Banda, president of the Diamond Dealers Club of New York; A. Mehta, president of the Bharat Diamond Bourse of Mumbai; W. ROTTI, president of the Diamantclub van Antwerpen; E. Blom, president of the Diamond Dealers Club of South Africa; F. Hager, president of the London Diamond Bourse and Club and E. Izhakoff, honorary life president of the WFDB.

## **F. WFDB MARK**

### **1. 31<sup>st</sup> WFDB CONGRESS, NEW YORK, 2004 RESOLUTION**

The WFDB agrees to adopt a WFDB Mark of Integrity to be known and registered as the “WFDB Mark.  
this trademark is to be created as a proactive world-wide tool for the protection and advancement of its stakeholders, thereby protecting the interests of people all over the world who earn their livelihood in the diamond trade .