Rules and procedures to enable the participation of Greenland in the Kimberley Process certification scheme

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The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT), in the framework of a special legislative procedure (Parliament’s consultation), approving without amendment, the proposal for a Council decision laying down rules and procedures to enable the participation of Greenland in the Kimberley Process certification scheme.

Given that the Kimberley Process is an important innovative instrument to stem the flow of conflict diamonds (rough diamonds used by rebel movements to finance wars against legitimate governments) and that it would be even more beneficial if all the territories were associated with this process (namely Greenland who would therefore become part of the EU certification system as an Overseas country and territory), the committee has suggested that this proposal be adopted without amendment.