

Public Hearing at the European Parliament

**“Natural Resource Curse in Central Africa:  
Can the EU contribute to Fairer Economic Relations?”**

Wednesday December 9th 2009

14:00-16:30

Room PHS 5B001 (Paul-Henri Spaak Building)

<b>13:30-14:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>(30’)</b>
<b>14:00-14:05</b>	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Isabelle DURANT MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Group of The Greens/EFA	<b>(05’)</b>
<b>14:05-14:55</b>	<b>Session 1 – Civil Society Perspective on the EU Commitments</b>	<b>(50’)</b>
	Jeroen Cuvelier, International Peace Information Service – IPIS <i>Natural Resources in Developing Countries: Economic and Legal context</i>	<b>(20’)</b>
	Jean-Pierre MUTEBA, Member of the EITI technical Committee in DR Congo <i>Governance Issues in Natural Resources Exploitation: The Case of the Mining Sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo</i>	<b>(20’)</b>
	Axelle FISCHER, Secretary General, Justice and Peace Belgium, Coordination of the Belgian Network Natural Resources <i>Presentation of recommendations</i>	<b>(10’)</b>
<b>14:55-15:30</b>	<b>Debate</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Nicolas VAN NUFFEL, Director, Advocacy Department, Belgian National Center for Cooperation and Development – CNCD	<b>(35’)</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Session 2 – Reactions of Policymakers</b>	<b>(30’)</b>
	Abraao CARVALHO, Head of Unit (Steel, non-ferrous metals, minerals and mineral products), DG Enterprise, European Commission	<b>(10’)</b>
	Martin CURWEN, Director General, Responsible for operations outside the EU, European Investment Bank – EIB	<b>(10’)</b>
	Véronique AULAGNON, Policy Advisor, EU Special Representation for the Great Lakes Region	<b>(10’)</b>
<b>16:00-16:20</b>	<b>Debate</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Nicolas VAN NUFFEL, Director, Advocacy Department, Belgian National Center for Cooperation and Development – CNCD	<b>(20’)</b>
<b>16:20-16:30</b>	<b>Conclusion</b> : Isabelle DURANT & Axelle FISCHER	<b>(10’)</b>