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Intervention at

### Information meeting of the Res 2127 Sanctions Committee for the Central African Republic

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Mr. President,

I thank the Sanctions Committee for the opportunity to attend this briefing. I have listened very carefully to the presentation of the final report by the Panel of Experts, to the representative of the Central African Republic and the countries of the region, and to my other colleagues.

Belgium is grateful to the Panel for their work and we support it.

For the sanctions regime to be effective, States must follow up on the work of the Panel. We encourage all States to cooperate fully, in good faith, with the Panel. And to implement the recommendations of the Report, including with regard to the important findings related to illegal exploitation of natural resources.

We took good note of the information provided by the Panel on the export of rough diamonds. The Panel's role in providing information to the Kimberley Process is critical. We look forward to further updates by the Panel on natural resources.

Lastly, Belgium hopes the Panel will soon be appointed in full, allowing the Panel to pursue its important work without interruptions.

Thank you.