



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

Brussels, 2022

Meeting with Cobalt Institute

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting:

The Cobalt Institute gave information on the efforts underway in the Democratic Republic of Congo to tackle the issues related to poor working practices and child labour in artisanal and small-scale mining of cobalt. They support requirements under the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and Battery Regulation. They highlighted the need to ensure that the definition of forced labour in the ban is being properly defined, so as to not isolate strategic sources of cobalt.

Topics: responsible minerals, due diligence, forced labour

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