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Subject: Gender-based violence and mining-fuelled conflict

Dear Ms Malmström, Ms Billaux and Art. 4.1(b)

Ahead of tomorrow's Trialogue meeting, please find below the opinion article "[Gender-based violence and mining-fuelled conflict](#)" published by our partner Thérèse Mema Mapenzi, from the Justice and Peace Commission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Her article gives a specific insight to gender based violence linked to natural resource extraction in Eastern DRC.

As a reminder, we recommend that EU Member States revisit their positions and:

1. **Show leadership** by supporting **mandatory due diligence requirements along the entire supply chain (including Downstream)**.
2. **Support a Regulation that aligns with** the OECD Due Diligence Guidance on Conflict Minerals, by:
 - **Ensuring** that all due diligence obligations are consistent with the OECD standards
 - **Engaging companies downstream** of metal importers, in particular companies that place products containing covered minerals on the EU market
 - **Including** language that reflects the flexible and progressive nature of due diligence.

Shall you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to come back to me.

Kind regards,

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