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Regarding violations of EITI Standard requirements in the implementation of EITI in the DRC

The Collectif Vision Minière Durable (VMD), a coalition of civil society organizations committed to transparency and good governance in the extractive sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo, expresses deep concern about irregularities observed in the EITI implementation process in the DRC.

### 1. Implementation of the 2026 Work Plan before adoption by the Executive Committee

The VMD condemns, on one hand, the drafting of the 2026 Work Plan and Budget before the production and approval of the previous year's Annual Progress Report and, on the other hand, its implementation (PTBA 2026) without prior approval by the Executive Committee.

The absence of a progress report results in:

- A weakening of accountability, due to the lack of clear analysis of discrepancies between planning and actual achievements;
- A risk to the credibility of the process, particularly regarding the number of activities carried out compared to forecasts;
- A break in the chain of transparency, due to the lack of formal explanations on performance, constraints, and necessary adjustments.

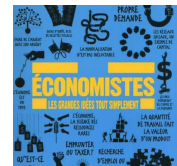
In addition, the MVD Collective notes with regret that on 5 February 2026, the EITI-DRC Technical Secretariat issued tender notice no. AA/ON01/CGPMP/ITIERDC/GOUV/2027 for the acquisition of two jeeps and a bus, while stakeholders were working to improve the 2026 EITI-DRC PTBA draft for its validation and adoption by the Executive Committee.

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We can also mention the following activities: raising awareness among the structures of the Ministry of ESD and stakeholders to define the types of contractual documents and their annexes to be published, as well as raising awareness and engaging with EMAPE actors in the diamond sector in Kananga and Tshikapa.

This approach contravenes requirements 1.5.a and 1.4.b.v of the EITI 2023 standard, which require that the planning, monitoring, and evaluation of activities be based on a consultative process with stakeholders and formal approval by the Executive Committee.

Any haste observed is related to the prospect of publishing the EITI 2024 Report within a very short timeframe.

## 2. Requirements of the VMD Collective

- Immediate suspension of any implementation of the 2026 Work Plan that has not been formally adopted by the Executive Committee (EC) ;
- Prior presentation and validation of the 2025 EITI-DRC Annual Progress Report;
- Strict compliance with Requirements 1.4 and 1.5 of the EITI Standard.

## 3. Conclusion

For these reasons, the Collectif Vision Minière Durable (VMD) requests that the International Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative base the validation of the Democratic Republic of Congo on the information available in the EITI Report 2023, to maintain compliance with the Standard and the credibility of the process. The Collective reaffirms its commitment to respecting the rules of multi-stakeholder governance, which are essential for the transparency and sustainability of the EITI-DRC process.

The VMD Collective remains fully open to any useful collaboration.

Done at Lubumbashi, on 02/23/2026.

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