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UPDATE ON THE NAGOYA – KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (Supplementary Protocol hereinafter) was adopted in Nagoya, Japan, on 15 October 2010 at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) through its decision BS-V/11.

II. UPDATE ON SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION

2. The Supplementary Protocol was open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 7 March 2011 to 6 March 2012. By the closing date, it was signed by 51 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

3. By the time this document was finalized, two countries, namely Latvia and the Czech Republic, had deposited their instrument of ratification of the Supplementary Protocol. The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

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III. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO EXPEDITE EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE

4. Since the adoption of the Supplementary Protocol, the Secretariat has been carrying out a number of activities aimed at raising awareness and understanding of the objective and requirements of the Supplementary Protocol with a view to expediting its signature, ratification and, ultimately, its implementation.

5. The Secretariat worked closely with the Treaty Section of the United Nations to produce the certified copy of the text of the Supplementary Protocol in the six United Nations languages in time for signature. Following authentication by the Depository, the text of the Supplementary Protocol has been made available in the form of a booklet for convenience and ease of reference by users.

6. The Secretariat also made available promotional materials, including a fact-sheet, an introductory note, and a video presentation introducing the Supplementary Protocol.

7. The Secretariat held briefing sessions on the Supplementary Protocol, as part of the briefing events that the Secretariat had organized on the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to permanent missions, and representatives of governmental and inter-governmental organizations, located in Geneva (15 February 2011), Nairobi (25 February 2011), New York (11 May 2011), and Addis Ababa (22 July 2011).

8. With the generous financial support from the Government of Japan, the Secretariat organized, between June and December last year, four regional awareness-raising workshops in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. In May this year the Secretariat organized an inter-regional workshop to review capacity needs and share experiences that might help in facilitating the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol. The inter-regional workshop took place in Riga, Latvia following the generous offer to host it by the Government of Latvia, the first country to deposit its instrument of ratification of the Supplementary Protocol.

9. Further information on the regional and inter-regional workshops, workshop materials and workshop reports are available at the Secretariat's website:

http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/NKL_workshops.shtml

IV. SUGGESTED ELEMENTS FOR A DRAFT DECISION

10. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety may wish to:

(a) Welcome the instruments of ratification deposited to date in respect of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and call upon other Parties to the Protocol to deposit their instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession as soon as possible;

(b) Call upon States that are Parties to the Convention but that are not Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Protocol, as appropriate, without further delay, so that they can also become Parties to the Supplementary Protocol; and

(c) Welcome the generous financial contribution made by the Government of Japan that enabled the Secretariat to carry out the extensive work it has accomplished in promoting the Supplementary Protocol and invite other Parties and relevant organizations to make similar voluntary contributions with a view to support awareness-raising, experience-sharing, and capacity-building activities in order to expedite early entry into force and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol.
