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NOTIFICATION

Contact information of competent authority to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you know, the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress was adopted as a supplementary agreement to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and entered into force on 5 March 2018.

In decision CP-9/15, Parties to the Supplementary Protocol were requested to designate a competent authority to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Supplementary Protocol, and to make the contact information of their competent authority available on the Biosafety Clearing-House.

With the launch of the new Biosafety Clearing-House on 29 November 2021, a new common format has been made available to enable Parties to share the contact information of the competent authority they have designated to perform the functions set out in Article 5 of the Supplementary Protocol. The common format can be accessed through the Submit section of the new Biosafety Clearing-House: http://bch.cbd.int/en/register (log-in required). To assist in gathering information prior to publication in the Biosafety Clearing-House, an offline version of the common format can be downloaded in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish.

Further to decision CP-9/15, I encourage Parties to the Supplementary Protocol, other Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention, and other Governments to use the common format to submit the contact information of their competent authority to the Biosafety Clearing-House. For any questions or assistance regarding the common format or the new Biosafety Clearing-House, please contact bch@cbd.int.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support for the work of the Supplementary Protocol.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where Cartagena Protocol Focal Points have not yet been designated), BCH Focal Points