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Panama and Peru sign the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

Montreal, 5 May 2011 – Panama and Peru, on 3 and 4 May respectively, became the 5th and 6th countries to sign the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

This follows the signing of the Supplementary Protocol by Colombia, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden on 7 March 2011, when it was opened for signature.

Adopted on 15 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, the Supplementary Protocol aims to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity by providing international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from living modified organisms (LMOs).

The adoption of the Supplementary Protocol fulfils the commitment set forth in Article 27 of the Cartagena Protocol to elaborate international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage to biodiversity resulting from transboundary movements of LMOs.

On the occasion of the opening for signature of the Protocol in New York, Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) said: “It is the first time that a legally binding instrument bears the name of two cities, namely Nagoya and Kuala Lumpur. This reminds us more than ever that a global partnership among the international community, without any exception, is urgently required to address the unprecedented challenges of the continued loss of biodiversity compounded by climate change.”

The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force 90 days after the deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession.

In collaboration with the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will organize another signing ceremony at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 11 May 2011, in conjunction with the Ministerial Segment of the 19th session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development. At this ceremony, a number of countries are expected to sign the Supplementary Protocol.



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During the course of this year, the CBD Secretariat will organize regional workshops and a series of briefings for diplomats, parliamentarians and other stakeholders to promote the signing and ratification of the Supplementary Protocol, with the financial support of Japan.