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Germany and Cambodia ratify/accede to the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

Montreal, 12 September 2013 – Germany and Cambodia, on 27 and 30 August 2013 respectively, became the most recent countries to ratify/accede to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Thus 16 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol have now deposited their instruments of ratification or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.

“I welcome the ratification by Germany and the accession by Cambodia to the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress. This is a clear indication that the Supplementary Protocol is on track towards its entry into force,” said Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. “I call upon all countries yet to do so to ratify or accede to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and to its Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.”

The Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Supplementary Protocol aims to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by providing international rules and procedures for response measures in the event of damage resulting from living modified organisms.

This welcome news comes at a time when the international community is marking the tenth anniversary of the entry into force, on 11 September 2003, of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. To commemorate the anniversary, the Secretariat has produced a short video highlighting the main achievements of the Protocol through a series of clips from representatives of Parties and relevant organizations at:

<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/10thAnniversary.shtml>

Countries are invited to use the opportunity of the upcoming United Nations Treaty Event 2013: Strengthening the Rule of Law, being held 24 to 26 September and 30 September to 1 October 2013 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York during the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly, to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.

Further information about the Treaty Event is available at:

http://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?path=treaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_en.xml

Further information on the Supplementary Protocol, including procedures for its ratification or accession, is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/>.



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