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The Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress reaches the halfway mark to entry into force with ratification by Hungary

Montreal, 17 December 2013 – The Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety reached the halfway mark to entry into force after Hungary deposited the 20th instrument of ratification on 9 December 2013. The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval 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.

Welcoming the latest news, Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, said, “Hungary’s ratification is further evidence of the firm commitment of many governments signatory to the Cartagena Protocol to bring the Supplementary Protocol into force as soon as possible. I call upon all countries that have not yet done so to ratify the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.”

Hungary joins Albania, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Czech Republic, the European Union, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden and the Syrian Arab Republic that have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.

Further information on becoming a Party to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_ratification.shtml.

Notes to Editors

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was adopted on 29 January 2000 in Montreal and entered into force on 11 September 2003. To date, 165 countries and the European Union are Parties to the Protocol.

The Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was adopted on 15 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan.

More information is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/>

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