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The Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Biosafety Protocol comes closer to entry into force with the latest ratifications by Congo, Liberia and Togo

Montreal, 25 May 2016 – With Congo's accession on 16 May 2016, the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety needs only six more ratifications to enter into force.

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.

"I welcome the recent accession by Congo to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and urge all Parties to the Cartagena Protocol which have not done so, to expedite their national processes and deposit their instrument of ratification to the Supplementary Protocol as soon as possible to enable it to enter into force prior to the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Convention and its Protocols, to be held in December 2016, in Cancun, Mexico", said Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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.

Congo joins two other African countries, Liberia and Togo, which have recently 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

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