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### **Four more instruments of ratifications needed for the entry into force of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

**3 October 2016** – With Swaziland’s accession on 21 September 2016, the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety needs only four 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 accession of Swaziland. I urge all Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which have yet to do so, to deposit their instrument of ratification or accession to the Supplementary Protocol prior to the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Convention and its Protocols to be held from 4 to 17 December 2016 in Cancun, Mexico,” said Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. “I hope that the Supplementary Protocol will be operational by 2017 and that we will celebrate its pending entry into force during the December meetings.”

Swaziland is the latest Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to ratify the Supplementary Protocol, following the recent accession by Mali on 23 June 2016.

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 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

Further information on becoming a Party to the Supplementary Protocol is available at:

[http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL\\_ratification.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_ratification.shtml)

Further information on Parties to the Supplementary Protocol is available at:

<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/#tab=1>

Further information on the Treaty Event is available at:

[https://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1\\_en.xml](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_en.xml)

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