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Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress closer to entering into force

- *Cuba becomes 38th Party to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*
- *Three more ratifications needed for entry into force*
- *Supplementary Protocol provides for response measures in event of damage from living modified organisms*

2 May 2017 – Cuba deposited its instrument of accession to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety¹ on 26 April 2017. Thus only three more ratifications are required for the Supplementary Protocol to enter into force.

Adopted as a supplementary agreement to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 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.

Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, said: “I very much welcome the accession of Cuba to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol. I urge all Parties to the Biosafety Protocol that have yet to do so, to ratify the Supplementary Protocol as soon as possible.

“I also urge Parties to the Biodiversity Convention that have not yet done so, to ratify the Biosafety Protocol so that they can also become Parties to the Supplementary Protocol.”

The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval.

To expedite the entry into force and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is developing capacity building materials and undertaking a range of awareness-raising activities.

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

http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_ratification.shtml

A list of Parties to the Supplementary Protocol can be accessed at:

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

¹ The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is an additional agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity.