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With Ratification by Central African Republic, Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress closer to entering into force

- *Central African Republic will become the 39th Party to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*
- *Two more instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession needed for entry into force*
- *The Supplementary Protocol provides for response measures in the event of damage from living modified organisms*

4 July 2017 – Central African Republic deposited its instrument of ratification to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 15 June 2017.

The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval. Two more instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession are required for the Supplementary Protocol to enter into force.¹

Adopted as a supplementary agreement 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 in the field of liability and redress relating to living modified organisms.

Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, said: “The ratification by the Central African Republic brings us very close to the entry into force of this important instrument. 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 Secretariat is developing capacity-building materials and undertaking a range of awareness-raising activities to expedite the entry into force and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol.

- More information is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary>
- Information on how to become 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 instrument of approval deposited by the European Union does not count as additional to the instruments deposited by its member States for the purpose of entry into force (Article 18(3) of the Supplementary Protocol).

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