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The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Supplementary Protocol)

Background

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, in its Article 27, mandated the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) to adopt a process for the elaboration of international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms (LMOs). After some six years of negotiations, Parties finalized the negotiation of a new treaty known as the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, which was adopted on 15 October 2010 by COP-MOP 5, in Nagoya, Japan.

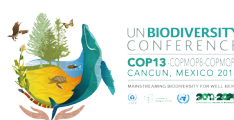
The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress is a treaty intended to supplement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety by providing international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage to biodiversity resulting from LMOs. The Supplementary Protocol provides for administrative procedures and requirements regarding response measures that need to be taken in the event of damage by LMOs that adversely affect the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, taking into account risks to human health.

Key Messages

- As of 30 November 2016, 36 countries plus the European Union (EU) have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.
- The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
- There are 4 more ratifications required for the Supplementary Protocol to enter into force as the EU's approval is not counted for the purpose of entry into force (the instruments deposited by the EU Member States do).
- In the intersessional period, the Secretariat carried out a number of activities to promote ratification.



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COP-MOP 8 is expected to encourage more Parties to ratify the Supplementary Protocol and request the Secretariat to carry out further activities to expedite entry into force and support implementation.

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Important links

Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress:

<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/>


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