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The Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress comes closer to entry into force with the latest ratification by Slovakia

Montreal, 7 May 2015 – With Slovakia’s ratification on 29 April 2015, the Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety needs only nine 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.

“The Supplementary Protocol, among other things, creates an enabling environment and builds further confidence in the safe development and application of modern biotechnology,” said Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. “As called upon by the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, I urge all countries that have not yet done so, to expedite their internal processes and to deposit their instrument of ratification to the Supplementary Protocol as soon as possible so that we can celebrate its entry into force at the eighth meeting of the Parties, to be held in December 2016 in Los Cabos, Mexico.”

The ratification by Slovakia brings the total number of ratifications to 32 to the Supplementary Protocol, including the approval by the European Union, which is not counted for the purpose of entry into force. 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.

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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