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NOTIFICATION

Closing date for signature of the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 7 March 2011. To date 37 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety have signed the Supplementary Protocol and one Party has deposited its instrument of ratification.

In accordance with its Article 17, the Supplementary Protocol will be closed for signature after **6 March 2012**.

I would, therefore, like to kindly remind and encourage all the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety that have not yet done so, to contact the Treaty Section of the United Nations, as soon as possible, and make the necessary arrangements to sign the Supplementary Protocol. The Treaty Section may be contacted at the Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York, telephone: (212) 963-5047, facsimile: (212) 963-3693, or E-mail: damas@un.org.

I would also like to use this opportunity to encourage you to take the necessary steps towards the ratification, acceptance or approval of this important treaty. For more information about the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, you may visit this page: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/>

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) National Focal Points