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NAGOYA - KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY  
AND REDRESS TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

NAGOYA, 15 OCTOBER 2010

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol was adopted on 15 October 2010 at Nagoya, Japan, during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. In accordance with its article 17, the Supplementary Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Protocol at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 7 March 2011 until 6 March 2012.

Certified true copies of the Supplementary Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Supplementary Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (Telephone: (212) 963-5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, E-mail: [damas@un.org](mailto:damas@un.org)).

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14 February 2011

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