

**Plant Biotech Industry Welcomes Ratification of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur
Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress**

***Implementation Guide to Supplementary Protocol Continues to Provide Assistance
to Adopting Countries***

Brussels — 11 December 2017 — CropLife International and the Global Industry Coalition acknowledge the ratification of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (NKL-SP) and welcome its implementation beginning March 2018. The NKL-SP is the first-ever international treaty to specify domestic rules and procedures providing for liability and redress for damage to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity resulting from transboundary movement of living modified organisms (LMOs).

“During the negotiation process for the NKL-SP, the Global Industry Coalition actively engaged with Parties to ensure it considered the practical realities of trade in LMOs and their history of safe use,” said Sarah Lukie, Secretariat of the Global Industry Coalition and Managing Director at CropLife International. “The plant biotechnology industry has long believed the NKL-SP is a positive tool for providing the framework of a workable system that can contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and welcomes its ratification.”

In 2012, CropLife International published an [implementation guide](#) to the NKL-SP to assist countries in implementing the provisions of the NKL-SP into national law, working either through existing domestic mechanisms or through development of new legislation, to address suspected damage to biodiversity from LMOs in the unlikely event such damage occurs. The Guide, which features a forward by the then co-chairs of the negotiations that led to the completion of the SP, is designed to aid governments in developing a system that conforms to the NKL-SP and provides definitions of terms and examples of text which could be considered by a government to amend or create domestic law.

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Note to Editor:

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The Global Industry Coalition (GIC) for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety receives input and direction from trade associations representing thousands of companies from all over the world. Participants include associations representing and companies engaged in a variety of industrial sectors such as plant science, seeds, agricultural biotechnology, food production, animal agriculture, human and animal health care, and the environment.

The Compact was adopted by the Global Industry Coalition in 2010 to ensure an efficient, and fair process for a United Nations Member State to file and process claims in the event of damage to biological diversity caused by living modified organisms (LMOs). Compact Members are contractually obligated to be responsible for damage to biological diversity caused by the release of LMOs by that company.

For more information:

The Implementation Guide to the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, go to:

http://www.croplife.org/view_document.aspx?docId=3862

For more information on The Compact, go to

<http://www.biodiversitycompact.org/the-compact/compact>