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### **CropLife International’s Implementation Guide an Important Resource as the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress Enters into Force**

**BRUSSELS — 7 March 2018** — CropLife International and the Global Industry Coalition acknowledged the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (NKL-SP) as it entered into force earlier this week. 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), and as such, it helps provide the framework of a workable system for Parties.

“The plant biotech industry was actively engaged with the Parties to the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol as they negotiated the NKL-SP, and a key contributor toward its completion, and is therefore pleased to see it finally entering into force,” said Sarah Lukie, Secretariat of the Global Industry Coalition and Managing Director at CropLife International. “CropLife International members are fully committed to standing behind the safety of their products and to conserving biological diversity, and entry into force of the NKL-SP represents a step forward in furtherance of this commitment.”

CropLife International’s [implementation guide](#) for the NKL-SP is an essential tool to assist countries in implementing the provisions of the NKL-SP into national law, working either through existing domestic mechanisms or through the development of new legislation. The 2012 Guide is the only capacity-building tool available 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. The plant biotech industry’s support of the NKL-SP and ensuring its proper implementation demonstrates its confidence in the safety of their LMOs and commitment to protecting biodiversity.

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CropLife International is the voice of the global plant science industry. It champions the role of agricultural innovations in crop protection and plant biotechnology in supporting and advancing sustainable agriculture; helping farmers feed a growing population while looking after the planet; and progressing rural communities. The world needs farmers, and farmers need plant science. CropLife International is proud to be at the heart of helping farmers grow.

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.