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Subject: Proposal for a Decision of the Council on the conclusion of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Adoption of Council decision

**COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 30.01.2013**

1. On 15 October 2010, the final plenary of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Nagoya, 11-15 October 2010) successfully adopted the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
2. The Council welcomed, at its meeting of 20 December 2010, the adoption of the Supplementary Protocol and, on 11 May 2011, the European Union signed the Supplementary Protocol, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
3. The Commission submitted the above proposal to Council on 5 June 2012.

4. The Council, on 4 October 2012, requested the consent of the European Parliament on the text of the Supplementary Protocol (doc. 13583/12 ENV 693 WTO 294 ONU 110 AGRI 558 OC 480) as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts, with a view to the later adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol.
5. At its Plenary meeting on 16 January 2013, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.
6. Consequently, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session, adopts its Decision on the conclusion of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (doc. 13582/12 ENV 692 WTO 293 ONU 109 AGRI 557 OC 479).
