



DECISION No DEC-15/S.ex.27-V/2016

**ON THE AWARD OF INSTITUTIONAL IOC PATRONAGE TO NATIONAL
EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY
COUNTRIES' COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

**THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE
COUNCIL,**

Having regard to the 2005 International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives prolonged in 2014, in particular article 1 entitled *General Objectives* containing technical cooperation provisions aimed at improving and promoting the quality of olive products and Part Four entitled *Technical Provisions*,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, in particular the objectives with respect to standardisation and research listed under article 1, more specifically the objective of achieving uniformity in national and international legislation in order to prevent any obstacle to trade,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-1/74-IV/96 of 6 June 1996 whereby the Council adopted the rules of the international competition for the yearly conferral of the Mario Solinas Quality Award on the extra virgin olive oil awarded the top score by an international jury in each fruitiness section of the competition,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-1/82-IV/00 of 8 June 2000 whereby, in the wake of the decision it had taken in 1993, the Council established the Mario Solinas Quality Award as of the 2000/01 crop year, and to Decision No DEC-22/95-V/07 revising the sections listed in the original competition rules,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-15/103-V/2015 adopted by the Council on 26 November 2015 and to the intergovernmental nature of the IOC,

Having regard to the fact that the Council of Members has agreed to the proposal to award institutional support to national competitions organised by countries' competent authorities,

Whereas the IOC has gained experience in organising extra virgin olive oil competitions;

Whereas there is a growing number of national and international quality competitions around the world;

Whereas the various competition awards have an impact on the media and influence consumers,

DECIDES

1. This Decision shall repeal and replace Decision No DEC-15/103-V/2015 proposing a guide for extra virgin olive oil competitions.
2. After evaluation, the IOC shall consider whether to award institutional patronage to national competitions organised by countries' competent authorities on the basis of criteria modelled on the rules for the IOC Mario Solinas competition adopted by the IOC each year.

Hammamet (Tunisia), 16 July 2016.