



DECISION N° DEC-III.4/114-VI /2021

**ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL PATRONAGE AND IOC
RECOGNITION OF ORGANOLEPTIC ASSESSMENT COURSES FOR VIRGIN
OLIVE OILS ORGANISED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, and in particular article 1 'Objectives of the Agreement' on standardisation and research concerning the standardisation of national and international legislation, particularly with regard to physico-chemical and organoleptic analyses to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products;

Having regard to the agreement of the Council of Members on the proposal to grant institutional support to virgin olive oil tasting courses organised by the competent authorities of the countries;

Considering the experience acquired by the IOC in organising courses on the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils;

Considering the increasing number of requests for IOC patronage of courses on the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils;

Considering the unanimous position of the organoleptic assessment experts appointed by the Members at their meeting on 20 and 21 September 2021 to draw up these guidelines;

DECIDES

To adopt the guidelines COI/T.30-3/Doc. No 1 for the institutional patronage and recognition by the IOC of courses on the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils organised by the competent authorities.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 November 2021