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DECISION DEC-III. 3/118-VI /2023

ADOPTING THE RULES FOR THE IOC'S INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION – THE MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

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" relating to standardisation and research concerning the harmonisation of national and international legislation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of Members for the establishment of the Mario Solinas Quality Award, an international competition which rewards the best extra virgin olive oils since the 2000/01 crop year selected by an international jury for each category;

Having regard to Decision DEC-III.5/116-VI/2022 of 30 November 2022 adopting the rules of the 23rd edition of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

Considering the importance olive oil professionals attach to the international recognition of their efforts to market extra virgin olive oils with organoleptic qualities, which is precisely the objective of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

Considering the importance of reinforcing the dissemination of the Mario Solinas Quality Award and improving the quality of extra virgin olive oils produced in the countries of the southern hemisphere;

Considering the difference between the period corresponding to the olive crop year in the two hemispheres;

Considering the unanimous proposal made by the experts in organoleptic assessment at their meeting on 26 and 27 September 2023 to adopt the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere;

DECIDES

To adopt the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere (COI/T.30-1/Doc. No. 1 of 23 November 2023) for the 2024 edition annexed to this Decision.

Madrid (Spain), 23 November 2023

Mr Kaled Musa Al Henefat
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