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## **DECISION DEC-III.3/119-VI /2024**

### **REVISING THE RULES OF THE IOC MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD FOR EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OILS 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.3/118-VI/2023 of 23 November 2023 on the adoption by the Council of Members of the rules for the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the IOC Mario Solinas Quality Award for extra virgin olive oils from the southern hemisphere;

**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;

**Considering** the decrease in the production of extra virgin olive oil in the countries of the southern hemisphere and the batch volume established in previous years for the category of southern hemisphere oils eligible for the Mario Solinas Quality Award,

### **DECIDES**

To review the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere (COI/T.30-1/Doc. No. 1), appended to this Decision, for the 2024 edition.

Madrid (Spain), 25 June 2024  
Mr. Javad Mir Arabrazi  
Chair of the International Olive Council