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to the

Proposal for a

Council Decision laying down a simplified procedure for the drawing up of Union positions in the Council of Members of the International Olive Council

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A. General principles governing the Union's position on draft decisions of the Council of Members, referred to in Article 1.

1. With respect to draft decisions of the Council of Members referred to in points 2 and 3, the Union's position should be formulated in such a way that these decisions:
 - a) are in the interests of the Union;
 - b) serve the objectives pursued by the Union within the framework of its trade policy;
 - c) are not contrary to EU law or international law, and in particular are not contrary to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the Parliament and of the Council¹, without prejudice to the Commission's right to adapt, by delegated or implementing act, the Union's rules to the decisions adopted by the Council of Members.
2. If the draft decisions of the Council of Members relate to issues listed in point 2.1, the Union's position shall be in accordance with point 2.2.
 - 2.1. Issues concerned:
 - a) Definition of standards for quality and purity applicable to the international trade of the Members, in accordance with Article 20(3) of the Agreement;
 - b) Application of the international quality guarantee label ensuring compliance with the international standards of the International Olive Council, in accordance with Article 21 of the Agreement,
 - 2.2. Union position:
 - a) It seeks to improve and standardise the Members' national laws and the international rules relating to the physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive products, taking into account the interests of producers, traders and consumers;
 - b) It reflects technical developments and research in the olive sector in order to improve the methods of chemical analysis and organoleptic evaluation;
 - c) It helps to improve the quality of olive products;
 - d) It avoids creating obstacles to innovation;
 - e) It serves the common interests of all members.
3. If the draft decisions of the Council of Members relate to issues listed in point 3.1, the Union's position shall be in accordance with point 3.2.
 - 3.1. Issues concerned:
 - a) Adoption or amendment of the rules necessary for the functioning of the International Olive Council as provided for in points (i), (ii) and (iii) of Article 7(1)(c), Article 13(4) and Article 21 of the Agreement;

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

- b) Application of the voting and representation procedures to members who have not paid their membership fees as provided for in Article 10(5) of the Agreement, and adoption of any decision considered necessary after a failure to pay, as provided for in Article 16(6) and (8) of the Agreement;
- c) Settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Agreement, as provided for in Article 26 of the Agreement;
- d) Definition of the conditions relating to the accession of a new member, as provided for in Article 29(1) of the Agreement,

3.2. Union position:

- a) It takes into account the globalisation of the olive market and seeks to strengthen and enlarge the organisation to include new members, on both the supply and demand sides;
- b) It prioritises international activities that concern fundamental shared interests, such as an international marketing standard and common inspection methods to improve and ensure quality;
- c) It preserves a clear decision-making process that meets the needs and aims of the organisation, in the light of the interests of all the Members;
- d) It ensures that organisational aspects continue to be improved;
- e) It contributes to establishing an organisational structure that promotes achievement of the objectives of the Agreement;
- f) It ensures rigorous and efficient management of budgetary and financial control, guarantees the protection of the Union's - and the organisation's - financial interests, and increases transparency in financial matters.

B. Simplified internal procedure for drawing up the Union's position in the Council of Members.

Before representing the Union's position in the Council of Members of the International Olive Council, the Commission shall draw up this position and inform the representatives of the Member States within an appropriate time period of the position the Union has thus drawn up.

If, for decisions referred to in point 2 of Part A, a number of Member States equivalent to the blocking minority laid down by the second paragraph of Article 238(3)(a) of the Treaty oppose the position established by the Commission, the Commission shall submit a proposal for a Council decision in accordance with Article 218(9) of the Treaty.