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Dear Professor,

In the framework of the programme of action proposed by the Commission of the European Communities to encourage the consumption of olive oil, the Commission has the intention of encouraging research on the biological value of this oil.

The fields of research which will be financed by the Commission are the following:

1. Metabolism and physiology of digestion:

200 000 ECU (1)

2. Cardiovascular epidemiology:

250 000 ECU 100.000 ECU

3. Development and ageing:

4. Nutrition, preparation and use of feedstuffs: 100 000 ECU

5. Chemistry and quality (qualitative characteristics of olive oil and the factors which influence them):

150 000 ECU

The amounts indicated are provisional, and the Commission reserves the right to alter the financial allocation above in the light of the tenders received.

In addition, the Commission has decided that the above research activities will be subject to a limited number of offers to tender addressed to researchers or research institutes having particular qualifications in the appropriate field.

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(1) At 1st July 1981 : 1 ECU = approx. \$ 1,06

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Taking account of the interest taken by your institute in the biological value of olive oil, I am pleased to inform you of the decision of the Commission. If your institute would be interested to put forward a tender for this research, please take note of the attached document which details the conditions for the tender.

Yours sincerely,

Claude VILLAIN

Director General