



26/7/19

Dear IOC Chair,
Dear Heads of Delegation from IOC Members,

As you all know, recently -and probably for the first time in IOC history- a Member's delegate, Dr Ignazio Castellucci representative of Israel, was not admitted to participate in an IOC meeting for a supposed irregularity in his designation.

In what refers to this designation, the information transmitted to the Members by the credentials committee during the last day of the 109th Council of Members' session in Morocco was incomplete and incorrect.

Furthermore, the entrance of the Israeli delegate on 21 June 2019 was forbidden being him blocked and impeached to enter which is inadmissible, moreover in an organisation created by the United Nations.

The document COI/R.109 – VI/Doc. N°4 states that the credentials committee has met on 21 June 2019 from 8.50 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. and has informed the Council of the following:

“A letter from Dr. Adi Naali informing of the appointment for the 109th meeting of Mr. Ignazio Castellucci, from a personal email (adiplants@gmail.com) to the email of the IOC dated 20 June 2019 at 23:17 hours was received by the ES. This communication was not signed by a competent accreditation authority of Israel (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development).

This Committee cannot consider accredited for this Session to Dr. Naali as he was not appointed by the relevant authority of Israel. It was checked that in the past two sessions the accreditation was by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Additionally, Dr. Naali cannot accredit another person as head of delegation as he is not accredited by Israel for the current session. “

This report is not accurate and represents in no way the facts.

Israel does not accept its content as:

1. Dr Adi Naali is the Israeli representative since 2012 (not only in the last two sessions)



2. The letter forward by Dr Naali for the 109th session of Members nominating the Israeli delegate that was not accepted by the credentials committee has exactly the same format and was sent from exactly the same e-mail as the one once sent to the Executive Secretariat as written notification to authorize Turkey to represent its interests and exercise its right to participate in the decisions at the close of the 100th session of members and at the 20th extraordinary session of the Council of Members (Annex I) that was accepted without any reservation by the Council of members.
3. At 9.37 a.m., local time of Marrakech, of 21 June, while the accreditation committee was in its meeting, a second letter from Israel, coming from the Ministry of Agriculture, arrived to the Executive Secretariat informing not only of the designation of Dr Castellucci as the Israeli representative for the 109th session but reinforcing Dr Naali as the Head of Delegation of Israel, legitimating this way Dr Castellucci's nomination by Dr Naali in this latest letter of 20 June 2019 (Annex II).
4. All the countries that were present at the session of 21 June 2019 are witness that the meeting of the credentials committee finished at 10.30 a.m, local time, moment in which the credentials committee entered in the Council session to wrongly inform the Members on the situation.
5. The credentials committee does not mention the existence of this letter of 21 June at 9.37 a.m. , local time of Marrakech, to the Council of Members nor does the Executive Director, who has responsibility to manage this documental phase before the Council.
6. Furthermore, on 21 June at 10.53 a.m. local time of Marrakech another letter from the Israeli Embassy in Madrid arrived to the Executive Secretariat confirming the two previous letters. It is regrettable that this letter was not also forward to the Council of Members.
7. The false statement on the document COI/R.109 – VI/Doc. N^o4 of the duration of the credentials committee meeting (8.50 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.) was voluntarily made with bad faith in order to indicate that the letter from the Ministry had arrived after the meeting of the credentials committee, which is not true as the Council of Members had to wait until 10.30 a.m., local time, for the presence of the credentials committee as all Members could verify.
8. To better understand the situation a Chronology of the facts is available at Annex III (the documents testifying the phone calls and the e-mails exchanged are available at Members' request)



9. All the Members and Observers could freely enter the room but the Israeli delegate entrance was physically and permanently blocked.
10. It is up to the Council to decide on whether one delegate can or cannot be in the room and invite him to participate or to leave the meeting. It is not acceptable the physical blockage of the entrance of a delegate when all the observers and delegates (except the one from Israel) could enter the room freely before the decision of the credentials committee.
11. The behaviour towards Israel was not correct neither in its form nor in its content and the Executive Director should give explanations to the Council of Members on why the Council was wrongly informed on the validity of the letter of designation forward by Dr Naali and why the letter forward to the Executive Secretariat by the Ministry of Agriculture was voluntarily omitted to/by the credentials committee and by the Executive secretariat staff to the Council of Members
12. It is clear that this manoeuvre of blocking the entrance of the Israeli delegate, making incorrect statements and omitting documents to the Council, had the objective of impeding Israel's participation in the meeting
13. Due to these circumstances, Israel does not consider the renovation of the senior Directors of the IOC to be legitimate, and does not trust in its management for the future
14. Israel does not accept nor approve any of the Decisions taken in this session as this country was impeached to participate in the meeting with a non-valid justification and trusts that all other IOC Members will not accept this unbearable situation and react to correct it for the sake of the organisation
15. This regrettable situation will be also transmitted to other institutions, and Israel will make all the necessary actions to defend the interests of the country.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Adi Naali

Head of the Israeli Delegation



ANNEX I - letter of 2013

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **adi naali** <adiplants@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, May 24, 2013 at 8:31 AM

Subject: Israel authorizes the delegate of Turkey to represent its interests at the close of the 100th session, 20th extraordinary session May 2013

To: <I.Kalender@gumrukticaret.gov.tr>, <M.Sepetci@gumrukticaret.gov.tr>, <iooc@internationaloliveoil.org>, Secretaria Dirección COI <secdirec@internationaloliveoil.org>, Secretaría Dirección 3 <secdirec3@internationaloliveoil.org>

Dear ALL

Israel would like to authorize the delegate of Turkey to represent its interests at the close of the 100th session, 20th extraordinary session May 2013.

We see much importance in this topic and I am sorry that I won't be able to be there with you.

Best Regards.

Dr Adi Naali

Head of the Israeli Delegation

Olive Division Manager

Plants Production and Marketing Board



24/5/13

Israel authorizes the delegate of Turkey to represent its interests at the close of the 100th session, 20th extraordinary session May 2013

Pursuant to article 7(2) of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005, Israel authorizes the delegate of Turkey to represent its interests and exercise its right to participate in the Decisions of the Council of Members at the close of the 100th session, 20th extraordinary session May 2013.

Dr Adi Naali
Head of the Israeli Delegation
Olive Division Manager
Plants Production and Marketing Board



ANNEX II – Letter forward by the Ministry of Agriculture on 21 June at 9.37 a.m.
(Morocco) (11.37 – Israel time)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: adi naali <adiplants@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 11:37 AM

Subject: Re: Letter of Designation

To: Ignazio <ignazio@castellucci.eu>, <iooc@internationaloliveoil.org>



Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. Abdellatif Ghedira, Executive Director
International Olive Council [IOC]

Dear Mr. Abdellatif Ghedira,

Kindly be informed that Dr. Adi Naali, Director of the Olive Department in the Israel Plants Board, is Israel's Head of delegation but due to the fact that he would not be able to arrive to Marrakesh, our representative and delegate to the 109th Meeting of the International Olive Council Meeting, Marrakech - Morocco, 17 - 21 of June 2019 is Mr. Ignazio Castellucci, Senior Lawyer, Adjunct Professor of Private Comparative Law, University of Teramo, Italy.

Sincerely yours,

Yakov Poleg, Director, Foreign Relations Department
Deputy Director, Foreign Trade Center
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development *yp*
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ANNEX III - Chronology of events

Thursday 20 June 2019:

Dr Naali sends a letter to the Executive Secretariat nominating the Israeli representative.

Friday 21 June 2019: (all times in Marrakech local time)

08.15 the Representative of Israel arrives to hotel and goes to the meeting room. In the room there is no Israeli flag even though the Executive Secretariat had been informed of the Israeli participation.

08.30 The Representative of Israel goes to Executive Secretariat working room to present himself (the same room where the Credential Committee had its meeting)

At 8.52 The Representative of Israel is informed by the Lawyer of the IOC Executive Secretariat that the nomination made by Dr Naali is not considered valid as it is not signed (even though it was signed, and had been sent from Mr Naali's e-mail) nor comes from the Israeli government.

According to the credentials committee report, the designations of the last meetings had been checked. It is totally impossible to start the committee at 8.50, check the documents of the previous meetings and inform the delegate at 8.52 that his designation had not been admitted when it is up to the Council of Members to decide on whether a delegate is or is not admitted to participate at the session.

The Representative of Israel stays out of the room where the committee for the Credential Committee is gathering at close door.

9.06- The Representative of Israel talked by phone to Dr Naali that immediately starts with the arrangements for another letter, this time from the Ministry of Agriculture, to be send to the IOC.

9.37 and 9.42 An e-mail with a an official letter from Mr Yakov Poleg, Director of the Foreign relations department and Deputy Director of Foreign trade center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is sent to the IOC Executive Secretariat, where it is confirmed that due to the absence of the Head of Delegation it will be Mr Castellucci the Israeli representative and delegate.



9.37 Mr. Castellucci, officially accredited as representative of Israel, enters Credential Committee meeting room, informs that an e-mail had arrived with an official letter from the Ministry for his designation, but is forced to go.

9.49 Two members from the EU delegation were informed of the situation and informed also their Ministry of the situation.

10.17 The room still doesn't have the Israeli flag.

10.30-10.32 The representatives of the Credential Committee go to the main meeting room. The Representative of Israel follows them but is stopped to enter by three ladies and later plus one man that are at the door that state that they were given instructions not to allow the entrance of Representative of Israel as he has no badge and was not accredited.

Incredibly even before the Council takes a Decision, the Israeli representative is impeached to enter the room.

10.33 The lawyer of the Executive Secretariat goes out and informs for the second time that the Representative of Israel is not admitted

10.34 The session began

10.36 The Representative of Israel informs (phone and e-mail) to Dr. Naali that the plenary session had started and that he had not been allowed to enter.

10.53 The Embassy also sends an e-mail to the IOC with an attached letter authorizing Mr. Castellucci to participate as Israeli representative.

11.04-05 The ladies in the door still do not allow the Representative of Israel to enter

11.04 The representative of Israel writes an e-mail to all persons that received the e-mail of 10.53 from the embassy stating:

“Dear Minister, dear Sirs,
I am outside the meeting hall and the security personnel don't let me in. I showed them the email from the embassy and the letter attached, to no result.
Ignazio Castellucci”

11.14: the Embassy informs Mr. Castellucci that is trying to contact someone from the IOC at the session and asks Dr. Castellucci to clarify that he can't be stopped from entering as he had the Israeli designation letter.



11.15 Mr. Castellucci answers the Embassy that he is trying to enter with no success since early in the morning

11.12-11.29 Two staff from the IOC office try to print the written document from the Embassy but apparently can't.

11.29 As they can't print the IOC lawyer is asked to come out to see the embassy's e-mail and designation letter but he does not come out.

11.41 One staff from the IOC office gives Mr. Castellucci the e-mail from the Embassy and the letter printed

11.45-11.47 Mr Castellucci asks one of the ladies to take the documents to the IOC lawyer. She comes out and gives the papers back stating that he could not read them as he was too busy.

11.49 Mr. Castellucci writes a new e-mail to all the persons that received the e-mail of 10.53 stating:

"I just could ask one of the persons at the door to get in and bring copies of the embassy's email and attached letter to the IOC lawyer inside the hall, it seems that he refused to read it, "being too busy"
Ignazio Castellucci"

11.50 Coffee break.

Mr. Castellucci asks the ladies at the door to take the papers to the lawyer but she refuses stating that he could give the papers when he abandoned the room for coffee break.

11.58 Mr. Castellucci asks one of the ladies from the support office to take the e-mail to the lawyer but she states she is not authorized to do so.

11.58 the Embassy sends another e-mail to all the addresses in copy of the mail of 10.53 stating

"Please keep trying. We are trying too"

12.00 The IOC lawyer goes out of the room to where Castellucci is standing waiting for him, looks the other way and goes away.

12.12 Mr. Castellucci sends his last e-mail stating: "Still trying. All refuse to talk to me, including IOC staff and senior officers".

12.20 Mr. Castellucci tries to talk with the head of the EU delegation that was also at the credential committee but he refuses to talk to him: "Sir I don't know



who you are and why you are talking to me”. Mr. Castellucci states: “who I am is written in this email that I am trying to show you” Head of the UE Delegation states he is not the IOC so he has not to read that mail.

Documents Detail Exclusion of Israeli Representative at Olive Council Meeting

Documents reviewed by Olive Oil Times provide a detailed chronology of events that took place on the day of a key Council of Members meeting. The IOC denies it intentionally barred the Israeli proxy from attending.

By DANIEL DAWSON on July 30, 2019

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Merrakech, Morocco

Ignazio Castellucci first realized something was amiss at 8:15 AM when he arrived at the hotel conference room in which the International Olive Council's (IOC) [109th session of the Council of Members](#) meeting was set to take place.

SEE MORE: [Israel Accuses IOC of Blocking Access to Key Meeting, Sources Say](#)

After quickly scanning the room, he noticed there was no Israeli flag. This was highly unusual since a letter from Adi Naali, the head of Israel's delegation to the IOC, had been sent to the Executive Secretariat the previous day, confirming Castellucci's appointment as a proxy. The bi-annual meeting was set to begin at about 10:30.

Castellucci, an Italian lawyer and adjunct professor at the University of Teramo, had been asked by Naali to attend the meeting as he was unable to do so. The meeting took place in Marrakech, [Morocco](#), which has no formal diplomatic ties with [Israel](#) and does not recognize the country as a sovereign state. As a result, Naali said that he was unable to get a visa.

"Dear Minister, dear Sirs, I am outside the meeting hall and the security personnel don't let me in. I showed them the email from the embassy and the letter attached, to no result."- Ignazio Castellucci, lawyer and Israeli proxy to the Council of Members meeting

The following events have been constructed using [documents reviewed by Olive Oil Times](#) and corroborated in interviews. In a statement made to Olive Oil Times, the IOC neither confirmed nor denied the accounting of events detailed here.

A spokesperson from the organization said that the Executive Secretariat "regrets this setback, which prevented Israel from participating" and plans to investigate Naali's claims before making a formal report to the Council of Members.

After failing to see the Israeli flag in the conference room, at 8:30 Castellucci went over to the Executive Secretariat working room, in which the IOC's credential committee had also been operating. After waiting to be seen for 22 minutes, an IOC lawyer finally approached him and informed him that his nomination was not valid and as a result, he would be unable to attend the meeting.

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"A letter from Dr. Adi Naali informing of the appointment for the 109th meeting of Mr Ignazio Castellucci, from a personal email... was received by the Executive Secretariat. This communication was not signed by a competent accreditation authority of Israel (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)," a [report from the IOC's credentials committee](#), which was obtained by Olive Oil Times, said.

“This Committee can not consider [Naali] accredited for this session as he was not appointed by the relevant authority of Israel,” the report continued. “Additionally, Dr. Naali can not accredit another person as head of delegation as he is not accredited by Israel for the current session.”

Naali disputes this claim, saying that he has been the accredited head of Israel’s delegation for the past eight years and stating that he had previously authorized the Turkish delegate to serve as Israel’s proxy at an IOC meeting in 2013.

Naali had used the same email address back in 2013 to inform the Executive Secretariat of this and the Turkish delegate was able to attend on Israel’s behalf without any issues arising.

“It is common procedure for IOC members that if you won’t be able to attend the meeting, you try to authorize someone else to do so,” Naali told Olive Oil Times.

Normally someone from the embassy would go to attend the meeting, but since there is no Israeli embassy in Morocco, Naali needed to ask someone else. He approached the representative from the European Union, but he was already representing Montenegro at the meeting. Several other IOC member countries were also unsure that they would be able to represent Israel.

“So I moved to the other option, which is to authorize another professional to be there as Israel’s delegate, which is what I had done,” Naali said.

In its statement to Olive Oil Times, the IOC said that a 2012 Council of Members meeting was held in Morocco and the Israeli representative that year, [Shimon Lavee](#), was able to attend. The IOC also stated that it had a very strict set of rules “regarding participation and delegation of authority.”

At 9:06, Castellucci called Naali on the phone to inform him that he had been barred from attending the meeting due to a lack of proper accreditation from Israel’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

By 9:37, Naali had forwarded an email written on official government letterhead by Yakov Poleg, the director of the foreign relations department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, to the Executive Secretariat stating that Castellucci would replace Naali.

The email had also been sent directly from Poleg to the Executive Secretariat the previous day and received no response.

“Dear Mr. Abdellatif Ghedira [the executive director of the IOC], kindly be informed that Dr. Adi Naali, director of the olive department in Israel’s Plants Board is Israel’s head of delegation, but due to the fact that he wouldn’t be able to arrive to Marrakech, our representative and delegate... is Mr. Ignazio Castellucci,” Poleg wrote in his email.

Once Castellucci had been informed that Poleg’s email was forwarded to the Executive Secretariat, he returned to the room in which the credential committee was set up to tell the officials that an email from Poleg had arrived. He was once again informed by IOC officials that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

At around 10:30, representatives from the credential committee left the office in which they had been working and entered the conference room. Castellucci attempted to follow but was told that he did not have the proper accreditation to attend and turned away from the door.

At 10:33, the lawyer from the Executive Secretariat came out of the conference room and told Castellucci that he would be unable to attend. The meeting began at 10:34.

Castellucci proceeded to call and email Naali, saying that the meeting had started and he had not been allowed to enter. Naali then contacted the Israeli embassy in Madrid and at 10:53 the embassy sent an email to the IOC with another letter authorizing Castellucci to serve as Israel's proxy.

At 11:04, Castellucci again tried to enter the meeting but was again told he lacked the proper accreditation. He proceeded to write an email to everyone included in the Israeli embassy's prior email (to which he had been cc'd):

"It is common procedure for IOC members that if you won't be able to attend the meeting, you try to authorize someone else to do so."- Adi Naali, head of Israel's delegation to the IOC

"Dear Minister, dear Sirs," he wrote. "I am outside the meeting hall and the security personnel don't let me in. I showed them the email from the embassy and the letter attached, to no result."

It remains unclear whether the security staff to whom Castellucci referred in his email were staff members of the IOC or the Moroccan government.

At 11:12, Castellucci spotted two IOC staff members and asked them to try and print the email from Poleg. The two staff members said they will try to do so and went off to another part of the hotel.

Seventeen minutes later, the two staff members returned and informed Castellucci that they were unable to print the letter. They returned to the meeting and said they would ask the IOC lawyer to come out and see the emails on Castellucci's phone. The lawyer did not come out.

At 11:41, one of the IOC staff members came out of the meeting and handed Castellucci the printed Poleg email and embassy authorization. Castellucci approached the security staff and asked them to take the documents to the lawyer. A staff member agreed to do so, but returned shortly afterward and informed him that the lawyer was unable to read the documents at the moment.

Castellucci proceeded to write a second email to all of the recipients of his previous email.

"I just asked one of the persons at the door to get in and bring copies of the embassy's email and attached letter to the IOC lawyer inside the hall, it seems that he refused to read it, 'being too busy'," Castellucci wrote.

At 11:50, the Council of Members meeting broke for a coffee break. Castellucci approached the staff at the door and asked if they could take the papers to the lawyer now. They refused and said when he came out, Castellucci could give them to him himself.

By 11:58 the lawyer had not come out and Castellucci approached a member of the IOC support office and asked her to bring the papers to the lawyer. She responded that she was not authorized to do so.

Two minutes later, the lawyer emerged from the room and headed in the opposite direction from Castellucci. He tried to get the lawyer's attention but failed to do so.

At 12:20, Castellucci spotted Miguel Garcia Navarro, the head of the European Union delegation, and asked him for assistance. Garcia Navarro responded that he was not in a position to help Castellucci out and returned to the meeting.

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At this point, Castellucci left the hotel after trying to gain access to the meeting for the past four hours.

During the meeting Ghedira, Deputy Director Jaime Lillo and Mustafa Sepetçi, the director of the IOC's technical, economic and promotional units, were all re-elected to four-year terms.

According to Naali, these three positions are generally chosen by consensus and while he did not say that Israel would have blocked any of these appointments, he did emphasize that he thought Israel should have participated in the discussion.

“I would think an issue of this importance needed to be discussed in detail at the session without the exclusion of some of the member countries,” Naali said. “We could debate the issues for a very long time, but usually we find a consensus.”

On Friday, Naali wrote a letter to the IOC to make his discontentment known. He said that as a result of Israel's exclusion, the country would not consider any of the business done in the meeting legitimate.

“It is clear that this maneuver of blocking the entrance of the Israeli delegate, making incorrect statements and omitting documents to the Council, had the objective of impeding Israel's participation in the meeting,” Naali wrote.

“Due to these circumstances, Israel does not consider the renovation of the senior Directors of the IOC to be legitimate, and does not trust in its management for the future,” he added.

The spokesperson from the IOC denied that Israel's delegate had been intentionally excluded from the event and praised Naali for his contributions to the international olive oil sector.

“Israel is a founding country that has always participated in the activities of the organization and Dr. Naali, who officially represents his country at the IOC since 2012, is a very active member who has always enriched the meetings of the Council with his extensive knowledge in the field,” the spokesperson said.

The report from the IOC's investigation into the matter is expected next month.

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In una nota ufficiale la Stella di Davide denuncia il complotto: estromessi da arabi e Ue

Olio, scandalo internazionale

Israele: i vertici del Consiglio oleicolo sono illegittimi

DI ALBERTO GRIMELLI
E LUIGI CHIARELLO

Scoppia lo scandalo al Consiglio oleicolo internazionale (Coi), con Israele che, in una nota ufficiale inviata a tutti i capi delegazione, denuncia un complotto e non riconosce la rielezione dei vertici dell'organismo internazionale.

Elezioni, che hanno confermato il tunisino Abdellatif Ghedira nel ruolo di direttore esecutivo nonché lo spagnolo **James Lillo** e il turco **Mustafa Septeci** a direttori aggiunti (si veda, da ultimo, *ItaliaOggi* del 15/5/2019 e del 26/6/2019).

Nella missiva del 26 luglio, Adi Naadli, capo della delegazione di Israele al Coi dal 2012, punta l'indice direttamente contro **Miguel Garcia Navarro**, rappresentante dell'Unione europea, e **Abdellatif Ghedira**, direttore esecutivo, accusati di aver prodotto carte false, di aver mentito al consiglio e di aver escluso arbitrariamente il suo Paese dalla sessione di Marrakesh del 26 giugno scorso.

Una serie di accuse molto pesanti che partono dal mancato riconoscimento dell'accreditato a **Ignazio Castellucci**, italiano docente dell'Università di Teramo, chiamato a rappresentare Israele a Marrakesh.

Sulla base del verbale del comitato accreditati, in possesso di *ItaliaOggi*, non sarebbe stato riconosciuto il ruolo di Adi Naadli come capo delegazione di Israele. Un ruolo invece riaffermato dal Ministero dell'agricoltura israeliano con mail delle 9.37 del 26 giugno e dall'Ambasciata israeliana a Madrid alle 10.53 dello stesso giorno.

Entrambe le mail riconoscevano anche

Ignazio Castellucci come delegato per la sessione. Lettere che, secondo Adi Naadli, sarebbero state occultate. Contestualmente sarebbe stato falsificato l'orario di chiusura dei lavori del comitato accreditati, alle 9.15; lavori che in realtà sarebbero continuati fino alle 10.30, come anche da testimonianze raccolte da *ItaliaOggi*. Dunque, solo dalle 10.30 (e non prima) sarebbero iniziati i lavori del Coi.

Il comitato accreditati era formato dallo spagnolo Miguel Garcia Navarro, grande amico del direttore aggiunto, il connazionale **Jaime Lillo**; dal tunisino **Kamel Ben Ammar**, affiancato, secondo quanto risulta a *ItaliaOggi*, da **Fourati Mounir**, capo delle relazioni esterne del segretariato esecutivo e braccio destro del tunisino Abdellatif Ghedira; e dal turco **Mehemet Hacilarli**, molto vicino al direttore aggiunto, il connazionale Mustafa Septeci.

Nell'occasione il delegato della Turchia, non riconoscendo la delega di Israele a Castellucci effettuata da Adi Naadli, ha dimenticato che proprio Adi Naadli, con le stesse modalità utilizzate nella circostanza, aveva incaricato il suo Paese, la Turchia, di rappresentare Israele durante due precedenti sessioni del Consiglio.

Accreditati all'epoca regolarmente riconosciuti. Inoltre, secondo quanto risulta a *ItaliaOggi*, nel corso dei lavori del comitato accreditati vi sarebbe stato un acceso diverbio tra Miguel Garcia Navarro e un alto funzionario dell'Unione europea, il belga **Alexis Loncke**, che avrebbe cercato di evitare l'esclusione di Israele.

Una situazione di tensione che avrebbe avuto risvolti successivi a Bruxelles visto che,

dopo la sessione del Coi, Miguel Garcia Navarro avrebbe chiesto il trasferimento ad altro incarico, lontano dalla direzione generale agricoltura.

Le stranezze non finiscono qui, visto che Ignazio

Castellucci, fin dal suo arrivo nell'hotel dove si sarebbe svolto il consiglio, ha notato l'assenza della bandiera israeliana, ben prima che il comitato accreditati si esprimesse sulla validità della lettera di rappresentanza, quasi che l'assenza di Israele fosse stata programmata.

Inoltre, mentre a tutti gli altri rappresentanti e osservatori, ancor prima che fossero chiusi i lavori del comitato accreditati, era stato concesso l'accesso alla sala del consiglio, l'unico a cui è stato negato, anche fisicamente, è stato proprio il delegato di Israele.

Una serie di fatti e circostanze che costituirebbero una violazione del diritto internazionale, tanto che Israele ha annunciato che invierà la contestazione anche ad altre istituzioni internazionali.

Secondo quanto risulta a ItaliaOggi, dopo una lettera di richiesta di documentazione al segretariato esecutivo del Coi, il Ministero degli esteri israeliano avrebbe intenzione di sollevare la questione all'Onu e all'Unctad, l'ente delle Nazioni Unite che sovrintende agli accordi internazionali, quale è l'International Olive Oil Agreement che regola la vita del Coi.

Nel frattempo Israele non riconosce i nuovi vertici del Consiglio oleicolo internazionale e il loro operato. Tra gli atti più importanti del segretariato esecutivo vi sono i bilanci, preventivi e consultivi, la cui bocciatura avrebbe come



conseguenza il blocco dell'attività del Coi.

Una situazione di impasse diplomatica che vede l'Italia coinvolta in prima linea, visto che fu il Ministro degli esteri, **Enzo Moavero Milanese**, a chiedere a Israele di partecipare alla sessione di Marrakesh, votando contro la rielezione dei vertici del Coi, dopo che il Ministro dell'agricoltura, **Gian Marco Centinaio**, non era riuscito ad ottenere da Bruxelles la posizione di direttore aggiunto per un italiano. Nonostante gli accordi informali presi in passato dall'Italia a Bruxelles, all'indomani della prima elezione di Ghedira a direttore esecutivo Coi e di Lillo a direttore aggiunto, dicessero il contrario (si veda *ItaliaOggi* del 6/3/2019, del 3/4/2019 e del 24/4/2019).

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Jaime Lillo



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Truccate le elezioni per i vertici del Consiglio oleicolo internazionale: la morte dell'olio di oliva di qualità



Israele denuncia una grave violazione del diritto internazionale nel corso della sessione del Consiglio a Marrakesh e non riconosce la rielezione di Abdelladif Ghedira, Jamie Lillo e Mustafa Septeci alla guida del Coi. Si profila uno scontro che potrebbe finire a New York. **In esclusiva la lettera d'accusa integrale del rappresentante israeliano, Adi Naali**



Tunisia e Spagna si volevano prendere il settore dell'olio d'oliva, le redini del potere, per comandare e dettare le linee politiche che permettessero di creare il perfetto olio extra vergine di oliva commodity, a partire dal depotenziamento/abolizione del panel test.

Ci sono anche riusciti, ottenendo la riconferma dei vertici del Consiglio oleicolo internazionale, con Abdelladif Ghedira direttore esecutivo,

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Secondo la ricostruzione di Israele che, alla riunione del Consiglio di Marrakesh del 26 giugno scorso, aveva mandato Ignazio Castellucci, avvocato e docente dell'Università di Teramo, l'elezione è stata tuttavia viziata da una violazione del diritto internazionale, lasciando fuori dalla porta il rappresentante israeliano, impedendo così allo

Stato della Stella di Davide di partecipare ai lavori ed esercitare il diritto di voto.

Perchè lasciare Israele, con un atto d'imperio mai visto in sedi internazionali, fuori dalla porta? Secondo quanto ci risulta, Castellucci avrebbe dovuto votare contro la rielezione di Ghedira, Lillo e Septeci. Un voto che, vista l'astensione dell'Unione europea, sarebbe valso come un veto e avrebbe bloccato la riconferma e tutti i piani successivi che vogliono emarginare e ridurre a semplice bandiera l'olio di oliva di qualità.

La gravità inaudita dell'atto d'imperio, secondo la ricostruzione che il capo delegazione di Israele al Coi, Adi Naali, ha fornito a tutti gli Stati membri del Coi, starebbe nel fatto che l'Unione europea si sarebbe resa complice del misfatto, con lo spagnolo Miguel Garcia Navarro, capo delegazione dell'Ue, che, insieme i parigrado tunisino e turco, avrebbe disconosciuto la lettera di accredito a Ignazio Castellucci. Non solo, sempre secondo Israele, l'orario dei lavori del comitato per gli accrediti sarebbe stato falsificato, ponendolo alle 9.15, così potendo affermare che la mail delle 9.37, inviata dal Ministero dell'agricoltura israeliano, fosse giunta fuori tempo massimo. In effetti i lavori del Consiglio sarebbero cominciati, secondo quanto risulta a Teatro Naturale, solo alle 10.30, esattamente l'orario in cui si sono presentati nella sala Miguel Garcia Navarro, Kamel Ben Ammar e Mehemet Hacialari, ovvero i componenti del comitato accrediti.

E' poi molto strano il fatto che la bandiera di Israele, nonostante fosse giunta la lettera di accredito poi non riconosciuta, non facesse bella mostra di sé nella sala del Consiglio fin dalla mattina presto, quando invece erano presenti quelle di tutti gli altri Stati, quasi che l'assenza di Israele fosse programmata.

Ancor più strano che a Ignazio Castellucci, rappresentante di Israele, non sia stato concesso, mentre era in corso il comitato accrediti, l'accesso alla sala del Consiglio al pari di tutti gli altri rappresentanti, accesso che gli sarebbe stato negato, anche fisicamente, più tardi, impedendogli così di conferire con gli altri delegati.



Dobbiamo poi aggiungere che, secondo quanto affermato da Adi Naali nella lettera, Ignazio Castellucci non avrebbe più potuto, nonostante le sollecitazioni, parlare con Abdelladif Ghedira, a cui pure, alle 10.53, era giunta una mail dall'Ambasciata di Israele in Spagna che riaffermava che l'italiano era il rappresentante di Israele.

Secondo quanto raccontato nella dettagliata cronistoria, inoltre, Ignazio Castellucci avrebbe cercato di farsi spiegare da Miguel Garcia Navarro, nel corso di una pausa dei lavori, il motivo del rifiuto dell'accredito, al che lo spagnolo avrebbe risposto: "non so chi sia lei e perchè lei stia parlando con me", un'asserzione falsa visto che, come ricostruito nella lettera, lo stesso Castellucci alle 9.37 sarebbe entrato nella stanza dove era riunito il comitato accrediti, presentandosi e sbandierando la nuova lettera giunta dal Ministero dell'agricoltura israeliano.

Una concatenazione di fatti e circostanze difficilmente smentibile tanto che Israele sarebbe pronto a portare la questione all'Onu, sotto la cui egida è il Coi, e all'Unctad, ovvero l'organismo delle Nazioni Unite che vigila sugli accordi internazionali, quale è l'International Olive Oil Agreement che regola la vita del Consiglio oleicolo internazionale.

Successivamente alla lettura della missiva di Adi Naali abbiamo cercato di raccogliere commenti e dichiarazioni, ottenendo solo l'imbarazzato silenzio dell'Unione europea, con Miguel Garcia Navarro che risulta in ferie fino al 26 agosto, e la preoccupazione della Direzione generale agricoltura, ossessionata dal fatto che il caso diventi diplomatico, coinvolgendo direttamente i suoi uffici.

Conferme, invece, sia sui contenuti sia sui toni della lettera da parte di Israele che non riconosce la rielezione di Ghedira, Lillo e Septeci e quindi tutti i loro atti.

Per il momento silenzio anche dal governo italiano, come pure dal resto della diplomazia internazionale, anche se potrebbero esserci sviluppi nei prossimi giorni. L'impressione è che la perentorietà della missiva abbia sorpreso e spiazzato un po' tutti.

Pare infatti evidente che non possa essere sufficiente a Israele il "sacrificio" di Miguel Garcia Navarro che, secondo quanto ci risulta, avrebbe già chiesto il trasferimento al di fuori della Direzione generale agricoltura di Bruxelles. Non è neanche la prima volta che uno spagnolo deve lasciare, di tutta fretta, l'incarico di capo/vice capo unità olio d'oliva a Bruxelles. Simile circostanza capitò a Jesus Zorrilla, oggi rappresentante dell'Ue a Washington, proprio in occasione della scorsa elezione al Coi, che incoronò Abdelladif Ghedira a direttore esecutivo e Jamie Lillo a direttore aggiunto.

Insomma il Coi è diventato il parco giochi, "sporchi", di un gruppo di potere e di affari pronto a tutto pur di mantenere le redini del comando.

Stavolta però il clan dell'olio commodity ha trovato sulla propria strada non l'imbelle Italia ma il combattivo Israele, aprendo una partita molto più complessa e interessante, che seguiremo con attenzione.

DOCUMENTO ALLEGATO: [lettera di Adi Naali, capo delegazione di Israele al Coi, al presidente e a tutti i capi delegazione degli Stati membri del Consiglio oleicolo internazionale](#)

di Alberto Grimelli

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Alberto Paggetti

05 agosto 2019 ore 15:00

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Alberto paggetti



Frank Geffers

05 agosto 2019 ore 11:35

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Vincenzo Rota

03 agosto 2019 ore 09:28

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