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To the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee

Consent for the Nomination of Madeira Wine

We, on behalf of Espaço Sénior das Cruzes, express our full support for the nomination of Madeira Wine to be inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Espaço Sénior das Cruzes is a community center run by Sociohabitafunchal, a Funchal municipal company which aims to improve the housing and social conditions of low-income families in the council. Reopened on May 9, 2018, this space is dedicated to activities for the senior population, such as gymnastics, dance and health information sessions. This center promotes socialization, health and quality of life for its users, and is fully integrated into Sociohabitafunchal's mission to support local communities.

Our institution is firmly committed to safeguarding and promoting the cultural traditions that are essential to the economic and social development of local communities. Madeira Wine, with its centuries-old history and unique methods, is more than just a drink: it is a symbol of Madeira's cultural identity and an economic pillar for many producers.

Madeira wine production makes a significant contribution to improving the economic conditions of many families, especially in rural areas. The wine-growing tradition, passed down between generations, actively involves men and women at every stage, from harvesting to marketing.

Madeira Wine not only generates income, but also promotes tourism and education about Madeira's culture and history, contributing to the enhancement of local heritage and raising the standard of living of communities.

For these reasons, we give our consent and support to Madeira Wine's candidacy for the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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