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To the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee,

Funchal, October, 15, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Through this letter, the Direção Regional das Comunidades e Cooperação Externa (DRCCE) formally expresses its full consent and support for the nomination of Madeira Wine to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO.

The DRCCE, a department of the Government of the Autonomous Region of Madeira, has the mission of supporting Madeiran communities abroad, promoting international cooperation and cultural exchange, and strengthening the bonds between Madeira and other regions worldwide. In essence, the DRCCE serves as a bridge between cultures and traditions, preserving the region's identity and promoting its cultural assets.

For the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Madeira Wine is a Symbol of Madeiran Identity. It is far more than a mere beverage; it is a tradition with over 500 years of history. It is an internationally renowned product, appreciated by influential figures, and has been part of significant historical events, including the toast marking the United States' Independence Day. Madeira Wine embodies the resilience and ingenuity of the Madeiran people, involving a cultural heritage linked to the cultivation of vineyards and unique production techniques.

We believe that Madeira Wine represents not only a centuries-old tradition deeply rooted in our history but also a living symbol of the cultural identity of our region and our communities spread across the world. Its production and consumption reflect the ingenuity, resilience, and creativity of the Madeiran people, constituting an intangible heritage.

The DRCCE is committed to continuing to promote this tradition, both within Madeira and among Madeiran communities abroad, reinforcing its historical and cultural significance. We believe that UNESCO's recognition will contribute to the preservation and appreciation of this unique heritage, ensuring its sustainability for future generations.

With this letter of consent, we reiterate our commitment to collaborating with all entities involved in the nomination process and to promoting the cultural values associated with Madeira Wine in the context of international cooperation and cultural diplomacy.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarification and reaffirm our full support for the nomination.

Yours sincerely,

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