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Dear Sir/Madam,

Through this letter, I, the Councillor for the Madeiran Diaspora in Venezuela, Danny Manuel Barradas Figueira, formally express my full consent and support for the nomination of Madeira Wine to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO.

As Councillor for the Madeiran Diaspora appointed by the Government of the Autonomous Region of Madeira, my mission is to represent and support the Madeiran community in Venezuela, promote international cooperation and cultural exchange, strengthen ties between Madeira and Venezuela, and preserve Madeiran identity by promoting our traditions, gastronomy, and regional products.

For the Autonomous Region of Madeira, and for the Madeiran community residing in Venezuela, Madeira Wine is a symbol of Madeiran identity. It is more than just a beverage; it is a tradition with over 500 years of history, a world-renowned product, appreciated by influential personalities and present at significant historical moments, such as the toast marking the Independence Day of the United States of America. Madeira Wine reflects the resilience and ingenuity of the Madeiran people, embodying a cultural heritage linked to vine cultivation and unique production techniques.

The Madeiran community in Venezuela believes 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 of our communities spread across the globe. The production and consumption of Madeira Wine constitute an intangible heritage that reflects the ingenuity, resilience, and creativity of the Madeiran people.

The Madeiran Diaspora is committed to continuing to promote this tradition, both in Madeira and within the Madeiran communities in Venezuela, reinforcing its historical and cultural significance. We believe that the inscription of Madeira Wine in UNESCO would be a well-deserved recognition, contributing to the preservation and appreciation of this unique heritage and ensuring its sustainability for future generations.

With this letter of consent, we reaffirm our commitment to collaborating with all entities involved in the nomination process and to promoting the cultural values associated with Madeira Wine within 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,

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Barradas', written over a horizontal line.

Danny Manuel Barradas Figueira