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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Associação Musical e Cultural Xarabanda, we hereby declare our full consent and unconditional support for the nomination of the Traditions of Madeira Wine to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO.

Our association, dedicated to the promotion and preservation of cultural and artistic expressions within the community, recognizes the central role that Madeira Wine plays in the identity, history, and daily life of local populations. This heritage goes far beyond the product itself, encompassing social practices, traditional knowledge, craftsmanship, beliefs, and collective memories, transmitted across generations. Among these traditions are numerous songs associated with wine, including the emblematic “Cantiga da Repisa”, sung during communal gatherings and celebrations, which reinforces a sense of belonging and the continuity of cultural practices.

Madeira Wine also holds an important historical and international dimension. Emblematic occurrences highlight the global reach of this winemaking tradition, such as its use in the toast marking the Independence Day of the United States of America, as well as the identification of Madeira Wine in ancient Viking ships, demonstrating its long-standing reputation and circulation over the centuries.

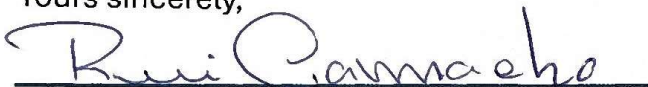
Drinking Madeira Wine is perceived as a moment of festivity and communal enjoyment, bringing together families, friends, and neighbours in celebrations that strengthen social and cultural bonds. Viticulture and winemaking involve the active

participation of both men and women at all stages, from vineyard cultivation to production and marketing, reflecting a dynamic and inclusive cultural heritage.

Furthermore, Madeira Wine plays a significant role in cultural education, the promotion of sustainable tourism, and the appreciation of the region's history, allowing visitors and future generations to understand the creativity, resilience, and ingenuity of the Madeiran people. UNESCO recognition will contribute to the safeguarding, international appreciation, and transmission of this heritage to future generations.

For all these reasons, we reaffirm our full support for the nomination of the Traditions of Madeira Wine and express our willingness to collaborate with all entities involved, within the scope of our cultural and community competencies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rui Camacho", written over a horizontal line.

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