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To the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Centre for Activities and Capacity Building for Inclusion (CACI) of Santa Cruz, integrated within the Institute of Social Security of Madeira (ISSM, IP-RAM), has the mission of promoting the functional, social, and overall development of persons with disabilities, with a focus on inclusion, rehabilitation, and active participation in the community.

In this context, the ISSM, IP-RAM, through the CACI of Santa Cruz, expresses its support and consent for the candidacy of the Madeira Wine Traditions to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognising in this practice an identity symbol of the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

As an institution that promotes inclusion through culture, the CACI considers this nomination an opportunity to strengthen the sense of belonging and appreciation of regional heritage, including among its participants.

The recognition of Madeira Wine Traditions by UNESCO will be crucial to ensuring the preservation of this tradition, enhancing the agricultural sector, and guaranteeing the continuity of a living heritage that unites communities and strengthens Madeiran identity.

The community, consulted in this process, emphasized the need to value the agricultural sector by reinforcing support and incentives for farmers and defending their rights, acknowledging them as essential pillars of this tradition. It was also underlined that culture and traditions are the true safeguard of our island, and that the loss or neglect of these practices would result in a loss of identity and of numerous jobs directly linked to the cultivation and production of Madeira Wine.

For these reasons, the ISSM, IP-RAM, through the CACI of Santa Cruz, expresses its unconditional support for the nomination of the Madeira Wine Traditions. We reaffirm our commitment to active collaboration in their promotion and safeguarding, recognizing this heritage as a vital, living expression of Madeiran culture and identity. We are fully dedicated to ensuring that these traditions continue to enrich and unite our community for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

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