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To the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee

**Consent for the Nomination of Madeira Wine Traditions**

Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Calheta hereby expresses its full support for the nomination of Madeira Wine Traditions to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

As an institution dedicated to the care and well-being of the elderly, we deeply value all Madeiran traditions that are part of the collective memory and experiences of the people we care for on a daily basis. Many of our residents grew up connected to the land, the vineyards, the harvests, and the community practices that gave life to Madeira Wine.

At this institution, the traditions associated with Madeira Wine are part of the stories we hear and preserve: memories of the grape harvests, the wine cellars, the families that came together, the celebrations, and the experiences that marked generations. These memories prove that Madeira Wine is not just a product; it is an emotional, cultural, and social heritage deeply rooted in our community.

The information session held with our elderly residents allowed them to recall old practices, share memories, and reinforce the value that this tradition still has in each of their lives. Listening to these stories demonstrates the importance of protecting, recognizing, and passing on this heritage to future generations.

For these reasons, Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Calheta recognizes the significant cultural, social, and human value of the traditions linked to Madeira Wine and declares its consent and unconditional support for its application to UNESCO.

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(José Mário Sousa Nunes)

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