RESOLUTION VITI 1/2002

CONSERVATION OF DIVERSITY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BASED ON THE PROPOSAL by Commission I “Viticulture”

GIVEN THE WORK of the XXIIIrd World Congress of vine and wine held in Lisbon, Portugal from June 22 – 24 June 1998 on the theme of “World wine growing patrimony at risk: the need to maintain it”

CONSIDERING the need to preserve the world viticulture genetic heritage already recommended by the O.I.V. to:

- Maintain the diversity of vine products
- Satisfy consumers’ demands

CONSIDERING the array of work completed in many countries on cloning selection and the importance of clones in future wine growing,

RECOMMENDS THE MEMBER COUNTRIES:

- to maintain from the carrying out of these works the greatest genetic diversity possible in terms of morphology, agronomic behavior (production, response to parasites, adaptation to surroundings) and technological value,

and

- to favour the development of little known grape varieties of high quality potential and the adaptation of cultivation techniques in order to optimise quality.

Certified in conformity Bratislava, 29th June 2002
The Director General of the OIV
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