

RESOLUTION ECO 1/94

ACCELERATION OF THE SUPPRESSION OF OBSTACLES TO INTERNATIONAL WINE TRADE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BASED ON the proposal of Commission III “Vitiunicultural Economies ”,

IN VIEW OF the reports and the papers presented at the 73rd session at San Francisco, August 29 - September 3, 1993 on the theme, “Knowledge of the Markets –Stratégies of International Firms ”,

DECLARES that there still exist numerous obstacles of various types constituting hindrances to free trade of vitiunicultural products at the international level:

- measures of a technical character,
- measures of a fiscal character, when they are discriminatory,
- measures of an administrative character,

Added to which are Custom provisions, quotas or monopoly,

NOTES the G.A.T.T. Agreement signed in Marrakech, April 1994,

EMPHASIZES that gains in business productivity in the vitiunicultural sector rest, to a large extent; on international harmonization of regulations, permitting them to reduce costs, and to further improve the quality of the product through more efficient methods of production and presentation,

RECOMMENDS the Member States to take special notice in their national regulations of labelling standards –mandatory and optional information –established by the OIV,

RECOMMENDS that the member states respecting the G.A. T. T. agreement already mentioned, accelerate the dismantling of tariff and non-tariff barriers which act as obstacles to the international trade of vitiunicultural products,

WISHES that the Member States adhere to the principle of reasonable equilibrium in matters of export and import policy, without prejudice of the right of each Member State to freely establish its own fiscal provisions,

ASKS the various Groups of Experts to intensify, within their areas of competence, their work aiming at the harmonization of regulations and at standardization of methods and practices, in order to propose to the Member States a collection of measures capable of improving the situation.