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(Comments from the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV))

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF VINE AND WINE (OIV)

The International Organization of Vine and Wine - OIV as an intergovernmental organization wishes to bring some elements of information and reflection that I would like to make on all the points presented in the document CX/GP 19/31/6

1. First of all, OIV would like to indicate that the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals developed by the United Nations are taken into account in the OIV Draft Strategic Plan 2020-2024 which will have to be adopted at the end of this year.

It is important that intergovernmental organisations contribute, each in their own way, to the development of these objectives.

2. The subject of integrity and authenticity is also an important subject for the OIV especially as far as wine products are concerned and OIV knows it is a crucial subject for this region that welcomes us.

OIV took part in the round table organized at the forty-first session of the Commission in July 2018

At the level of the OIV, this need to guarantee authenticity and identity is addressed through the adoption of standards, notably regarding:

- the definition of products,
- oenological practices: these must in particular take into account the consumer's safety, not significantly modify the original qualities of the grape and the wine and not deceive the consumer,
- labelling rules,
- establishment of traceability guidelines,
- establishment of analytical norms in order to check origins and traceability.
- Establishment of certain systems of packaging identification,
- and also ensure appropriate consumer education

3. Concerning labelling, the OIV works in collaboration with the Labelling Committee as pointed out in the report of the forty-fourth session of the CCFL in particular with regard to the labelling of alcoholic beverages and the means of information of the consumer by possibly other means, dematerialization in particular.

4. Finally, the OIV will follow with great interest mechanisms to improve coordination with other international organizations.

The OIV is part of the organisations that have participated in the study conducted by Codex and, in order to avoid duplication or divergence it would be important for Codex to be able to rely as far as wine products are concerned, on the expertise of the OIV, as a reference Organisation.