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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Elections to the Director General of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV): Spanish candidacy
- Information from the Spanish delegation

Delegations will find attached in Annex a note from the Spanish delegation on the above subject, concerning an item under "Any other business" at the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 15 October 2018.

**Elections to the Director General of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV):
Spanish candidacy**

The OIV is made up of 46 Member States, 20 of which are countries of the European Union (EU). This organization is the scientific-technical reference in the world of wine and the resolutions adopted in it have a direct impact on the European regulation of the wine sector. For this reason the European presence in the organization is especially important.

The European Union has always held a relevant position in the executive of the OIV.

The post of Director General is the highest executive position of the organization and to date Spain has never held that position.

Two extraordinary General Assemblies have already been convened in order to elect the Director General, one was held on 6 July and the other on 19 September of this year, with several rounds of voting in each. In all the rounds carried out the Spanish candidate has always been the most voted, but he has not reached the double majority needed to be elected. For this reason, the vote has been postponed to the next General Assembly of the OIV that will take place in Punta del Este (Uruguay), on 23 November 2018.

The moment has come to prevail the interests of the organization itself, overcome the current blockade situation and allow to continue with the normal operation of the OIV. To achieve this, the imminent election of the new Director General is necessary.

The tandem Brazilian Presidency and European Director General, is essential and equitable to achieve the territorial balance necessary for the world viticulture and also allow European vitiviculture to be correctly represented. Leaving the European candidate out may pose a risk to the interests of the entire EU.

With the support of all EU countries members of the OIV, the Spanish candidate would be elected as the new Director General of the Organization and it would be a triumph for all EU countries and the European spirit itself.