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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON WINE ON 10.01.2018

PRESENT: COSTE, ASSY, RAFFRAY, MONSEGU, JACQUEMOT, VERGER, COURREAU, TESSON, CRONE, BRAZSIL, JOBOREK, JUNG, SCHWÖRER, VILLAFRANCA, MASTROGIOVANNI, CASTELLI, BUSETTI, BOSCO, MARTIN, SALVI, CORBALAN, SOTGIA, RYTIROVA, CORRALES, MIRA, BASTO, DE SANTIS

SECRETARIAT: MIRIZZI

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the previous meeting

The agenda was adopted as well as the minutes of the previous meeting.

2.Tour de table – wine market update

The national delegations reported on the latest data on the 2017 harvest and market prices. IRV-CIP gave an update on the nursery products market.

3. Analysis of the wine market: perspectives and tools

The Chairman presented an analysis of the wine market in the last decades, highlighting the different factors that affected the production and the prices.

4. Nutritional information – self regulation proposal

Ignacio Sanchez (CEEV) presented a possible solution for the simplification of ingredients for wine and aromatized wine products, in the framework of the drafting of the self-regulation proposal.

The Italian and the Spanish delegation insisted on the fact that sugar used for chaptalization needs to be indicated in the ingredient list.

The Working Party advised to make cautious steps on the ingredients issue and not hurry into finding a solution.

5. Introduction to the CAP reform

The Secretariat informed the members on the latest elements of the discussion around the future CAP and the timeline for its approval.

6.Group discussion on the position on the CAP

Some members presented their point of view and particularly the priorities to keep in mind within the debate on the future CAP.

The Working Party agreed on the need to maintain the specificity of the wine sector, both in terms of funding and as regards to the vertical rules.

The Working Party asked the Secretariat to start taking concrete lobbying and communication actions on this topic.

7.AOB

The members pointed out the need to engage in advocacy actions in order to convince the European Commission on the prolongation of the authorization for copper, considered to be a primary substance in viticulture, both traditional and organic.

The Secretariat engaged to inform the members on any further development and to pursue actions in the sense of the Working Party indications.