

RESOLUTION VITI 1/94

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GRAPEVINE PROPAGATION MATERIAL

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BASED on the proposai of Commission I Viticulture, taking into account the reports of 12 grape- producing countries during the 73rd session on the theme “How to Facilitate International Trade in Grapevine Propagation Material ”,

DECLARES that almost ail the countries are oriented toward certification of plant propagation material on the basis of sanitary and genetic clonal sélection,

DECLARES also that some différences exist in the approaches and techniques leading to certi fication, but that ail uphold the authenticity and quality of the plant material and control of virus, mycoplasma and bacterial diseases,

OBSERVES that définitive harmonisation of certification criteria and protocols at the interna tional level will be useful in order to compare materials and that the international organisation, OIV, is compétent to study this harmonisation,

OBSERVES that, at the présent time, exchange of certified material with official guarantee has already been established amongst various countries and has not created spécifie diffi cultés,

RECOMMENDS that, while reserving the possibilité of requiring additional guarantees before use of the plant material in importing countries, member countries not impede such interna tional exchanges.