

THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Resolution 1208 (2006) on regional typicity products and globalisation

The Congress, bearing in mind the Chamber of Regions,

1. Believes that regional products diversity and economic and social territorial economies.
2. In particular, considers that gastronomic traditions, passed down in popular local tourism.
3. Over the centuries, regions have been cultivating gastronomic products to perpetuate renowned, high-quality food specialities to the present day.
4. However, where globalisation has prompted widespread interest in regional products and trade, there is also a risk of uniformity of tastes and products, doing away with typical produce stemming from the diversity of local identities.
5. Consequently, the Congress, in the light of a proposal submitted to it by the Committee on Education, invites its members to:

a. encourage the production and consumption of regional products with a view to cultural and environmental heritage regions, together with their regional identity);

- b. safeguard and promote the image order to reinforce the cultural diversity;
 - c. promote farming practices that so that the rural natural heritage and heritage may be preserved;
 - d. continue to guarantee food safety precautionary principle and setting health monitoring systems;
 - e. continue to organise events at regional level (conferences, tastings);
 - f. advise authorities responsible for products to co-operate with their neighbouring countries, with a view to promoting and distributed beyond borders.
6. The Congress instructs the Committee on Education to:
- 6.1. ensure that the Congress reviews the situation

6.2. continue its examination of this issue in regions and towns represented in the Council of Regions and the Council of Regional Products;

6.3. consider the expediency of a study on regional products on tourism.

7. The Congress decides to invite the Regions to consider the possibility of activities in partnership with the Committee on Culture and

8. The Congress decides to invite the Chamber of Regions to be adopted by the Standing Congress of 17 March 2006 (see Document 1208/06 presented by S. Bolam, (United Kingdom)).

