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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1744th meeting of the SCA

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The SCA approved the summary record.

Discussion items (II)

3. OIV – EU position to be taken at the OIV General Assembly (20 June 2025)

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a) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)



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Adoption

b) Union position on draft OIV resolutions of EU competence that would not have legal effects for the EU legal order

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Approval

The SCA:

- considered the draft Council Decision contained in doc. 8708/25 and invited the Council:
 - to adopt it at one of its forthcoming meetings, under “A” items, after revision of the text by lawyer-linguists; and
 - to inform the European Parliament of its Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU;
- took note of the annexed statement by France, supported by Spain and Portugal;
- established the Union position reached by consensus on the draft OIV resolutions of Union competence which would not have legal effects if adopted by the OIV. The Union shall support the adoption of these resolutions by the OIV General Assembly with the exception of draft OIV resolution SECSAN-CONUSA 23-743 on *Information on consumption and health-related aspects for wine and alcoholic beverages of vitiviniculture origin*, where the SCA agreed that the Union position should be to request to move this draft OIV resolution back to Step 5.

4. Trade-related agricultural issues

*Information from the Commission
Preparation of the Council debate*

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, of the views expressed by delegations and of the information provided by the Presidency on the organisation of the upcoming ministerial discussion.

The Presidency would continue to regularly invite the Commission to update the SCA on developments in agricultural trade, trade negotiations, and other related issues.

Any other business

5. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23-24 June 2025: Setting of the agenda (For the items in the remit of the Special Committee on Agriculture)

The SCA took note of the draft agenda as presented by the Presidency.

The Presidency informed the SCA about their intention to take the AOB items on the Congress of Rural Renewal and Development; 57th Conference of Directors of EU Paying Agencies; High-level conference BIOEAST/ SCAR High Level Research and Innovation Conference; and the Conference on Sustainable management of populations of protected animals that cause losses in agriculture in public session.

The SCA agreed that these items would be taken in public session in accordance with Article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.

6. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the SCA meetings on 6 June and 10 June 2025.



Item based on a Commission proposal

STATEMENT

Ad item 3: **OIV – EU position to be taken at the OIV General Assembly
(20 June 2025)**

STATEMENT BY FRANCE, SUPPORTED BY SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

Déclaration de la France au CSA

Concernant la décision en vue d'établir la position des États membres à l'AG de l'OIV du 20 juin 2025 : résolution OENO-TECHNO 14-540A relative aux pratiques œnologiques spécifiques pour les vins désalcoolisés

« Sans s'opposer au vote majoritaire sur ce point, la France rappelle son soutien au principe d'un encadrement des pratiques œnologiques dans le cadre de l'élaboration des vins désalcoolisés et partiellement désalcoolisés.

Elle regrette que la proposition de compromis qu'elle a formulée, et transmise à la Présidence à l'issue du groupe de travail du 14 mai, n'ait pas été retenue. Cette proposition visait à établir une position équilibrée sur la limite maximale de glycérol, tout en prévoyant une possibilité de révision ultérieure sur la base d'un avis de l'Autorité européenne de sécurité des aliments (EFSA).

Les discussions sur ce projet ont été engagées il y a plus de dix ans, et le consensus ayant permis d'atteindre l'étape 7, ultime étape avant le passage pour une adoption définitive de la résolution à l'assemblée générale, a été particulièrement difficile à construire au sein de l'Organisation internationale du vin (OIV). Remettre en cause ce consensus à ce stade n'est pas un bon signal à l'égard des autres délégations de l'OIV.

Il est important que les travaux de l'EFSA, pour lesquels un mandat a été annoncé par la Commission, puissent désormais débiter rapidement, afin d'alimenter les discussions à venir et de permettre une avancée constructive sur ce sujet lors des travaux de l'OIV en 2026. »

Courtesy translation:

Statement by France to the SCA

Concerning the decision to establish the position of the Member States at the OIV General Assembly on 20 June 2025: resolution OENO-TECHNO 14-540A on specific oenological practices for dealcoholised wines.

“Without opposing the majority vote on this point, France reiterates its support for the principle of a framework for oenological practices in the context of the production of dealcoholised and partially dealcoholised wines.

France regrets that the compromise proposal it drew up and sent to the Presidency at the end of the working group on 14 May was not adopted. This proposal aimed to establish a balanced position on the maximum glycerol limit, while providing for the possibility of a subsequent review on the basis of an opinion from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Discussions on this project began more than ten years ago, and the consensus that made it possible to reach step 7, the final step before the resolution could be definitively adopted by the General Assembly, was particularly difficult to build within the International Wine Organisation (OIV). Calling this consensus into question at this stage does not send a good signal to the other OIV delegations.

It is important that the work of the EFSA, for which a mandate has been announced by the Commission, can now begin rapidly, in order to feed into future discussions and enable constructive progress to be made on this subject during the work of the OIV in 2026.”
