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Subject:	General Assembly of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (26 November 2020)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. With a view to the adoption of 18 OIV draft resolutions of Union competence by the 18th General Assembly of the OIV on 26 November 2020, the Council established the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union
 - for 10 draft resolutions of Union competence with legal effects for the EU legal order, in the Council Decision adopted by written procedure on 20 November 2020¹, and
 - for 8 draft resolutions of Union competence without legal effects for the EU legal order, in the Working Party's report as endorsed by the SCA on 9 November 2020.²

¹ Documents 12752/20 and CM 4857/20.

² Documents 11840/20 and CRS 12720/20.

2. The 18 draft resolutions were finalised by the OIV Members during their technical meetings taking place ahead of the General Assembly meeting on 26 November 2020. In order to consider the latest version of the draft resolutions and to assess whether the latest changes introduced by the OIV committees were still in line with the Union position already established, an informal videoconference of the members of the **Working Party on Wines and Alcohol (OIV)** took place on 25 November 2020.

II. INFORMAL VIDEOCONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON WINES AND ALCOHOL (25 November 2025)

3. The members of the Working Party considered the latest changes introduced by the OIV to the 18 draft resolutions and all, including the Commission representative, agreed that their substance was not altered and, therefore, the draft resolutions should be supported by the EU members of the OIV at the General Assembly on 26 November 2020.
4. In addition to the discussion on draft resolutions which fall under the Union competence, the members of the Working Party also continued the exchange of views initiated on 12 October on the proposed OIV decision to include Russian as the 6th official language of the OIV, which falls under Member States' competence.³

On the basis of the latest version of the proposed OIV Decision circulated by the OIV on 24 November⁴, the Commission representative indicated that its statement made on 12 October⁵ was still valid and also outlined some concerns about the drafting of the text, in particular, its lack of clarity regarding the funding terms. The lack of clarity of the text regarding the permanent funding of the costs by the Russian Federation and the need to take the time to improve the text which was circulated very late by the OIV were also underlined by some delegations (BE, CZ, DE, EL, FR and IT)⁶.

³ See doc. 11840/20.

⁴ See WK 13240/2020 REV 1.

⁵ See doc 11840/20, point 7.

⁶ The Presidency took note that, due to technical problems, LU could not express its views on the issue and would therefore send them electronically to the Presidency before the OIV COMEX meeting to take place on 26 November.

In the light of these comments, the Presidency concluded on this issue that it would be difficult to gather the required consensus at the OIV on the basis of the current text of the proposed decision.

III. OIV GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5. On 26 November 2020, the **18th OIV General Assembly**:
- (a) approved the adoption of 18 resolutions by consensus⁷;
 - (b) took note of the following OIV meetings:
 - OIV technical commissions will take place, virtually, from 1 March to on 9 April 2021;
 - the 19th General Assembly will be held in July 2021 (exact dates to be determined at a later stage).
 - (c) noted that the General Assembly in July 2021 will proceed with the election of
 - the new President of the OIV for which Australia has already communicated its candidate
 - the presidencies of the commissions and sub-commissions;
 - (d) noted the report on activities presented by the Director-General who, in this context, referred to his meeting, on 7 July 2020, with the Commissioner WOJCIECHOWSKI, in order to present the OIV objectives.

⁷ See the list in Annex to this report.

LIST OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AT STEP 8
ADOPTED BY THE 18th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020

A. *Draft resolutions of EU competence that will have legal effects*

- OENO-TECHNO 17-614A - Treatment of musts using vinyl–divinylbenzene copolymer beads to reduce or eliminate earthy-musty flavours
- OENO-TECHNO 17-614B - Treatment of wines using vinyl–divinylbenzene copolymer beads to reduce or eliminate earthy-musty flavours
- OENO-TECHNO 18-634 - Treatment of grapes by High voltage electric pulses (PEF)
- OENO-TECHNO 19-659 - Update to sheet 3.3.14. Treatment with Cellulose gums in rosés wines (Carboxymethylcellulose)
- OENO-MICRO 16-594B - Control of wild microorganisms in musts by continuous high pressure processes (Ultra High Pressure Homogenisation – UHPH)
- OENO-SPECIF 18-643 - Monograph on Vinyl-divinylbenzene resins
- OENO-SPECIF 18-644 - Monograph on calcium sulfate (liqueur wines)
- OENO-SPECIF 18-645 - Update of the monograph on K polyaspartate: Method for determination of molecular weight
- OENO-SCMA 17-618 - Quantitation of glucose, malic acid, acetic acid, fumaric acid, shikimic acid and sorbic acid in wine using 1H NMR spectroscopy – Description of the method and results of an collaborative study
- OENO-SCMA 17-620 - Determination of 4-tert-butylphenol in wines.

B. *Draft resolutions of EU competence that will not have legal effects for the EU legal order*

- OENO-TECMIC 18-631 - Review of practices for minimising SO₂ in wines
- OENO-TECMIC 18-630 - OIV Guide on identification of the hazards and critical points in viticultural sector
- ECO-DROCON 18-647 - Definition of wine with long period of maceration
- ECO-DROCON 18-648 - Update of the OIV labeling standard for wine : Allergens
- ECO-DROCON 18-649 - Update of the OIV labeling standard for wine : Control of volume and labeling specifications for ABV
- VITI-ENVIRO 18-641 - OIV guidelines for the implementation of principles of sustainable vitiviniculture
- VITI-ENVIRO 18-640 - Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA): OIV Definition of criteria to be taken into consideration in the vitivinicultural sector
- SECSAN-SECUAL 19-664 - OIV guidelines for the evaluation of physical treatments of grapes and its products.