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The President declared that he intended re-opening the debate on the reform of the common organisation of the market in wine, as proposed by the Commission in 1994 and already discussed on several occasions by the ministers. According to the President, the market situation had completely changed in the last few years, moving from a situation of significant surpluses to a state of relative balance, which had to be stabilised. There was also good reason to take account of the new situation following the conclusion of the GATT and to take steps to prevent the Community wine-producing sector from suffering unfair competition. Commissioner Fischler pointed out that the Commission was prepared to discuss possible amendments to its proposal in view of the new factual data and in consideration of the opinion expressed by Parliament. The Council entrusted the Special Committee on Agriculture with the task of analysing the market situation and examining the proposal in the light of this initiative from the Commission.