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**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND/OR ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ESCWA)  
TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN THE TWENTY-FIFTH  
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

*Note from the Executive Secretary*

1. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, rule 63, provide that:

The Commission may invite any Member of the United Nations or of a specialized agency that is not a member of the Commission to participate in its deliberations on any matter which the Commission considers to be of particular concern to that State. A State thus invited shall not have the right to vote, but may submit proposals which may be put to the vote at the request of any member of the Commission.

2. The secretariat will inform the Commission at its twenty-fifth session of the relevant requests that it has received, for consideration and decision.

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