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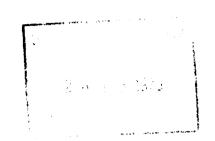
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Consideration of applications of States Members of the United Mations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the sixth session of the Commission

Under item 5 of the agenda the Executive Secretary received the following note from the delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization:

"The Palestine Liberation Organization registers its reservations on the Commission's decision to invite certain States Members of the United Mations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the sixth session of the Commission since it includes the United States of America. Under article 4 the Economic Commission for Western Asia is vested with powers in connexion with States which the Commission regards as being particularly concerned in any matter which it is discussing. Since the concerns of the United States in the region of Western Asia are totally incompatible with the interests of the countries and peoples of this region and, furthermore, since the United States does not recognize the existence and the rights of one of the members of this Commission, the Palestine Liberation Organization expresses reservations on the invitation extended to the United States of America to participate in the deliberations of the Commission."