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**INVITATION TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR OF
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO
PARTICIPATE IN A CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY IN THE
SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, in accordance with the provisions of rule 63 of its rules of procedure, "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".
2. The Executive Secretary will keep ESCWA members informed of any such requests to participate in a consultative capacity in the deliberations of the seventeenth session of the Commission.