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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management

Note by the Secretariat

1. A request has been received from the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) to attend the session of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management as an intergovernmental organization.
2. According to rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations designated on a continuing basis by the Council or invited by the commission may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the commission on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations.
3. The United Nations Secretariat has reviewed the credentials of the above body, and recommends that it be invited to attend the session of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management as an intergovernmental organization, with the status of observer.

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