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**INVITATION TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND/OR OF  
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVER IN THE  
TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, by virtue 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. 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 Executive Secretary has received applications from Governments wishing to participate, in accordance with the foregoing rule, in the work of the Commission at its twentieth session.
3. These applications are hereby presented to the Commission for consideration and decision on the invitations to be issued.

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