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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION
SUBMITTED BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary has received a letter, reference No. 30/CS/ECWA/74, dated 1 June 1974, from the Embassy of Pakistan in Beirut transmitting the following message from the Foreign Secretary to the Government of Pakistan:

"Excellency, I have the honour of the Government of Pakistan to hereby submit Pakistan's application for full Membership of the Economic Commission for Western Asia.

2. Pakistan has supported the creation of this new Regional Economic Commission ever since this idea was first put forward and was a sponsor of Resolution in Economic and Social Council which led to its establishment.

3. Pakistan's interest in membership of the Economic Commission for Western Asia is self-evident. It has traditional ties of culture and friendship with all countries which presently comprise membership of the ECWA. We have also over the years developed important economic and commercial relations with these countries; relations which we desire to enlarge and enhance to maximum extent. The Government of Pakistan is convinced that its participation as a member of

the ECWA would be beneficial not only for Pakistan; it would also, we believe, contribute towards achievement of important social and economic objectives which inspire its member-countries and ECWA Secretariat.

4. It is these considerations and trend of sincere and brotherly goodwill which exists in Pakistan for the peoples of the ECWA's member countries that have encouraged us to seek membership in the Commission.

5. The Government of Pakistan is confident that its application will be viewed with favour by members of the Commission and that they will find it possible, in exercise of discretion allowed them under terms of Resolution 1818(LV) of Economic and Social Council to endorse the admission of Pakistan as a member at first Session of the Executive Council being held in Beirut from June 3, 1974.

6. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Signed: A. Shahi,
Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Government of
Pakistan."