



**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL**

Distr.
LIMITED
E/ESCWA/24/3
11 April 2006
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ARABIC

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Twenty-fourth session
Beirut, 8-11 May 2006

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND/OR ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. Rule 63 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia provides that:

The Commission 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 Secretariat will inform the Commission of the relevant requests that it has received, for its consideration and decision.
