Invitation of States Members of the United Nations to participate in a consultative capacity in the Commission's work
(Note from the Executive Secretary)

1. The Economic Commission for Western Asia may, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of its terms of reference "invite any State Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that non-member".

2. The Executive Secretary has received letters from the following States Members of the United Nations requesting participation in a consultative capacity in the Commission's fifth session:
   1. France
   2. Germany (Federal Republic of)
   3. Hungary
   4. India
   5. Italy
   6. Netherlands
   7. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
   8. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
   9. The United States of America
3. The Executive Secretary also received a letter on 14 March 1978 from the Apostolic Delegate in Beirut requesting participation by the Holy See in a consultative capacity in the Commission's fifth session in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 244 (LXIII) of 22 July 1977 in which the Council recommended the regional economic commissions to invite the Holy See to attend sessions of these commissions on a basis similar to that provided for in the relevant terms of reference applicable to States Members of the United Nations not members of the commissions.