9. Other matters

Candidature to the chairmanship of the

Regional Commission for the Middle East (2017-2019)

1. The Secretary General received a letter from H.E the Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates, dated 23 March 2017, announcing the candidature of his country (represented by Mr. Mohamed K. H. Al Muhairi, Undersecretary for Tourism of the Ministry of Economy), for the chairmanship of the Regional Commission for the Middle East during the period 2017-2019.

2. In accordance with rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, as they apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Commissions, and consistent with the established practice, the Regional Commission for the Middle East will be invited, at its 43rd meeting to be held in Chengdu, China, in September 2017, to elect one Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, from among its Members, for a term of two years (2017-2019), commencing from the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.

4. It should be pointed out in this respect that no other candidatures have been presented to the Secretariat for the Chairmanship or the Vice-Chairmanship of the Commission for the Middle East for the period 2017-2019, as of the date of preparation of this document.