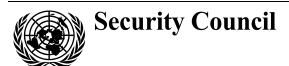
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## Official communiqué of the 4254th meeting of the Security Council

Held in private in the Security Council Chamber at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, 11 January 2001, at 10.30 a.m.

At its 4254th meeting, held in private on 11 January 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Somalia".

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, His Excellency Mr. Ali Khalif Galaydh, Prime Minister of the Transitional National Government of Somalia, was invited to participate in the discussion.

The representative of Djibouti was invited, at his request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ali Khalif Galaydh.

The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing.

Prime Minister Galaydh responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council.