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Held in private in the Security Council Chamber at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 12 February 2001, at 3 p.m.

At its 4276th meeting, held in private at 3 p.m. on 12 February 2001, the Security Council considered the situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its border with Liberia and Sierra Leone, the situation in Liberia and the situation in Sierra Leone.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the Security Council met with the delegation of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Mediation and Security Council. The delegation was composed of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali (leader of the delegation), the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Togo and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, to whom invitations were extended in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS, who was invited in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President also extended invitations to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Liberia and Sierra Leone, and to the Permanent Representatives of the Gambia and Guinea to the United Nations.

The Council had a full and constructive discussion with the delegation of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council, in the spirit of true partnership between the Security Council and ECOWAS.