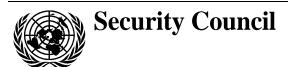
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 4508th meeting, held in private on 8 April 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the representative of Israel had a constructive discussion."

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