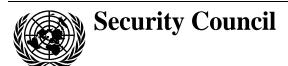
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 4567th meeting, held in private on 8 July 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Guinea-Bissau'.

"The President, with the consent of the members of the Council, invited Mr. David Stephen, Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau to participate in the discussion of the item, in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council heard a briefing by Mr. Stephen.

"The members of the Council and Mr. Stephen had a constructive discussion."

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