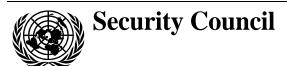
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 21 January 2003, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4689th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard briefings under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and Major General Lalit Mohan Tewari, Force Commander of UNIFIL.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

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