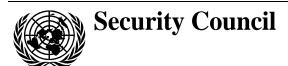
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

At its 4708th meeting, held in private on 14 February 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait".

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission and Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The members of the Council, Dr. Blix and Dr. ElBaradei had a constructive exchange of views.

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