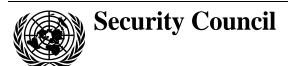
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## Official communiqué of the 4884th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 16 December 2003, at 10.55 a.m.

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 4884th meeting, held in private on 16 December 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation between Iraq and Kuwait'.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, His Excellency Mr. Hoshya Zebari.

"The members of the Security Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq had a constructive exchange of views."