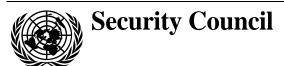
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## Official communiqué of the 5449th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 31 May 2006, at 11.35 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 5449th meeting, held in private on 31 May 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by the Chairman of the African Union'.

"Pursuant to the decision taken at the 5448th meeting, the President recognized the presence of the distinguished President of the Republic of the Congo, His Excellency Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"Members of the Council and His Excellency Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, in his capacity as current Chairman of the African Union, had a constructive exchange of views."

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