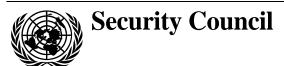
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 25 July 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 5495th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard briefings under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure by Lieutenant-General Randhir Kumar Mehta, Military Adviser in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and by Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Lieutenant-General Mehta, Ms. Buttenheim, and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."

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