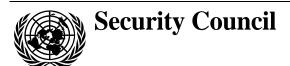
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Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 3 p.m.

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 5555th meeting, held in private on 25 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Côte d'Ivoire'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"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 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Said Djinnit, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

"The members of the Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Djinnit.

"The members of the Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire."

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