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<i>President:</i>	Mr. Kumalo	(South Africa)
<i>Members:</i>	Belgium	Mr. Verbeke
	China	Mr. Li Junhua
	Congo	Mr. Gayama
	France	Mr. De La Sablière
	Ghana	Nana Effah-Apenteng
	Indonesia	Mr. Jenie
	Italy	Mr. Spatafora
	Panama	Mr. Suescum
	Peru	Mr. Gallardo
	Qatar	Mr. Al-Nasser
	Russian Federation	Mr. Churkin
	Slovakia	Mr. Matulay
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United States of America	Ms. Wolcott Sanders

Agenda

The situation in the Great Lakes region

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The meeting was called to order at 5.50 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Great Lakes region

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Uganda, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative 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.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Butagira (Uganda) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now continue its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls and reaffirms its presidential statement of 16 November 2006 (S/PRST/2006/45) on talks between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

"The Security Council stresses its support for a negotiated settlement, commends the Government of southern Sudan and others for their efforts to further a long-term and peaceful solution to the conflict, reiterates that those responsible for serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law must be brought to justice and urges that the peace process be concluded expeditiously.

"The Security Council urges the LRA to immediately release all women, children and

other non-combatants, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) on children and armed conflict.

"The Security Council welcomes the appointment of, and the efforts undertaken so far by, His Excellency Mr. Joaquim Chissano, former President of Mozambique, as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the LRA-affected areas, as set out in the Secretary-General's letter of 30 November 2006 to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/930), welcomes his briefing to the Security Council on 22 March 2007 and looks forward to his continued engagement on the issue.

"The Security Council welcomes the meeting between the Government of Uganda and the LRA on 11 March 2007, with community representatives present, and the progress made towards a resumption of talks. The Security Council looks forward to further progress in the talks and the renewal of the cessation of hostilities agreement.

"The Security Council commends the support provided to the talks by States in the region, welcomes contributions to the United Nations Juba Initiative Project and urges the United Nations Secretariat and the countries and regional actors involved to provide further support, where possible, to Special Envoy Chissano and the mediation team.

"The Security Council notes the improved security and humanitarian situation in northern Uganda but looks forward to further progress on improving the living conditions for civilians there and urges the international community and the Government of Uganda to sustain and improve humanitarian and development support, including through Uganda's Emergency Action Plan as overseen by the Joint Monitoring Committee."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.