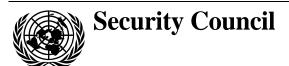
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Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, 26 July 2007, at 10 a.m.

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 5724th meeting, held in private on 26 July 2007, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Georgia'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Georgia and Germany 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 Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council heard a briefing by Mr. Annabi.

"The members of the Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Annabi and His Excellency Mr. Alasania had an exchange of views."

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