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**Official communiqué of the 5358th (closed) meeting
of the Security Council**

**Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday,
26 January 2006, at 11 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 5358th meeting, held in private on 26 January 2006, 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 Ms. Heidi Tagliavini, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

“The members of the Council heard a briefing by Ms. Heidi Tagliavini.

“The Special Envoy of the President of Georgia, His Excellency, Mr. Irakli Alasania, made a statement.

“The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.”