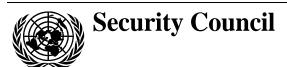
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

On 20 March 2002, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4496th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL).

The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Oluyemi Adeniji, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone and Head of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone. The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

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