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**Letter dated 21 February 2003 from the Permanent
Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the
President of the Security Council**

I am writing in reference to the open meeting of the Security Council on the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan", which is to take place on Monday, 24 February 2003. I have the honour to request that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, Mr. Mutsuyoshi Nishimura, Ambassador of Japan in charge of Afghan Aid Coordination, be permitted to participate in the above meeting and supply the Security Council with relevant information.

(Signed) Koichi **Haraguchi**
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