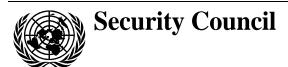
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 4904th meeting, held in private on 27 January 2004, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Georgia'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited His Excellency Mr. Malkhaz Kakabadze, Minister of Special Affairs of Georgia, at his request, to participate in the discussion 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.

"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 for Georgia and Head of Mission.

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

"The members of the Council, Ms. Tagliavini and Mr. Kakabadze had a constructive exchange of views."

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