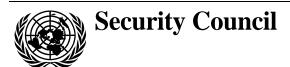
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 24 June 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4996th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Buttenheim and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."

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