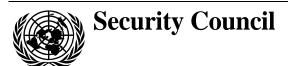
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## Official communiqué of the 553rd (closed) meeting of the Security Council

Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 10 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:

"On 25 October 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5553rd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Annabi, and the representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

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