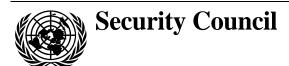
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 5558th meeting, held in private on 30 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in the Central African Republic'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic to participate in the consideration 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.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to General Lamine Cissé, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic.

"Members of the Council, General Cissé and His Excellency Mr. Elie Dote, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic, had an exchange of views."

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