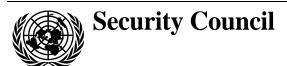
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 5348th meeting, held in private on 17 January 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Afghanistan'.

"Pursuant to the decision taken at the five thousand three hundred and forty-seventh meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of Afghanistan.

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"Pursuant to the decision taken at the five thousand three hundred and forty-seventh meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean Arnault, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

"Members of the Council, the representative of Afghanistan and Mr. Arnault had an exchange of views."

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