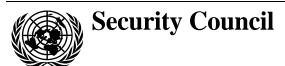
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 23 August 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 5023rd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

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

"The members of the Council, Mr. Guéhenno and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."

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