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**Official communiqué of the 5046th (closed) meeting of the Security Council****Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday,  
30 September 2004, at 3 p.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:

“At its 5046th meeting, held in private on 30 September 2004, the Security Council ‘Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan’.

“His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, the distinguished Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan, was invited, in response to his request, to participate in the discussion, in accordance with rule 37 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

“The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail.

“Members of the Council and His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail had a constructive exchange of views.”