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**Official communiqué of the 5081st (closed) meeting of the Security Council**

**Held in private at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Kenya, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, at 2.30 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:

“On 18 November 2004, the Security Council held its 5081st meeting in private.

“His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, was invited to participate in the discussion in accordance with rule 37 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

“His Excellency Mr. Lazarus Sumbeiywo, Special Envoy for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) on the Sudan, was invited to participate in the discussion in accordance with rule 39 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

“The Security Council heard statements by their Excellencies Minister Aboul-Gheit and Mr. Sumbeiywo.

“Members of the Council, the Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan, His Excellency Mr. Ali Othman Taha, First Vice-President of the Sudan, His Excellency Mr. Aminu B. Wali, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations and representative of the Chairman of the African Union, and Dr. John Garang De Mabior, Chairman of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army, had a constructive exchange of views.”