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**Official communiqué of the 4712th (closed) meeting of the Security Council**

**Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 24 February 2003, at 12.30 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:

“At its 4712th meeting, held in private on 24 February 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled ‘The situation in Afghanistan’.

“The Council, in accordance with the invitation extended at its 4711th meeting under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Harald Braun, Special Representative of the German Government.

“The President extended an invitation to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, in accordance with the decision taken at the 4711th meeting under rule 39.

“The members of the Council and Mr. Braun, and Mr. Guéhenno had a constructive exchange of views.”