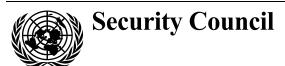
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 23 January 2002, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4456th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor.

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

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Annabi responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

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