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Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 23 July 2002, at 10.30 a.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 4581st meeting, held in private on 23 July 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled “International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

“In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council’s prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, and to Ms. Carla del Ponte, Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

“The members of the Council heard an informative briefing by Judge Jorda.

“Ms. del Ponte made comments.

“The members of the Council, Judge Jorda, and Ms. del Ponte had a constructive discussion.”