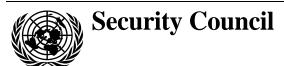
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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 4597th meeting, held in private on 8 August 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo'.

"Their Excellencies Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, Mr. Leonard She Okitundu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Mr. Patrick Mazimpaka, Special Envoy of the President of Rwanda on the Great Lakes Region, were invited, at their request, to participate in the discussion in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Special Envoy of the President of Rwanda on the Great Lakes Region had a constructive discussion."

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