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<i>President:</i>	Sir Emyr Jones Parry	(United Kingdom)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. García Moritán
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	Brazil	Mr. Sardenberg
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	Denmark	Mr. Faaborg-Andersen
	France	Mr. De Rivièrè
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Lacanilao
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Denisov
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Bolton

Agenda

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

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The meeting was called to order at 5.40 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

“The Security Council has agreed, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to temporarily relocate military and civilian staff of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) from Eritrea to Ethiopia. The Security Council intends to maintain an UNMEE military presence in Eritrea during the period in which it is reviewing future plans for UNMEE.

“The Security Council has approved this decision solely in the interests of the safety and security of UNMEE staff. The lack of cooperation with UNMEE by the Eritrean authorities has produced conditions on the ground which prevent UNMEE implementing its mandate satisfactorily.

“The Security Council strongly condemns Eritrea’s unacceptable actions and restrictions on

UNMEE, which have drastically reduced any meaningful operational capacity for the mission and will have, if they are sustained, implications for UNMEE’s future. The Security Council recalls its demand, expressed in resolution 1640 (2005), that Eritrea reverse such restrictions and provide UNMEE with the access, assistance, support and protection required for the performance of its duties.

“In this regard, the Security Council intends, with the Secretariat, to review promptly all options for UNMEE’s deployment and functions in the context of its original purpose, capacity to act effectively and the different military options available.

“The Security Council’s view on the fundamental issue of implementation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission’s delimitation decision remains unchanged and the Council emphasizes the urgent need for progress in implementation of the EEBC’s decision.”

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda. The Security Council will remain actively seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.