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<i>President:</i>	Mr. Mayoral	(Argentina)
<i>Members:</i>	China	Mr. Li Junhua
	Congo	Mr. Maboundou
	Denmark	Mr. Faaborg-Andersen
	France	Mr. De Rivièrè
	Ghana	Mr. Afriyie
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Peru	Mr. Gallardo
	Qatar	Mr. Al-Bader
	Russian Federation	Mr. Smirnov
	Slovakia	Mr. Mlynár
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. McKenzie Smith
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mrs. Taj
	United States of America	Mr. Brencick

Agenda

The situation in Burundi

Sixth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi (S/2006/163)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Burundi, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Nkingiye (Burundi) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): 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.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2006/163, which contains the sixth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operations in Burundi.

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

"The Security Council has taken note of the Secretary General's sixth report on the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB), and approves his recommendations.

"The Security Council is deeply concerned by the continuing violence carried out by the Forces nationales de libération (FNL) and the fighting between them and the Burundian army, by the human rights abuses committed by both

sides, as well as by factors of instability remaining in the region. It calls for the immediate cessation of hostilities and human rights abuses. It welcomes President Nkurunziza's commitment to bring to justice those responsible for such abuses and encourages the Government of Burundi to work closely with the United Nations human rights monitors to this end.

"The Security Council welcomes the statements recently made by the FNL leader, Agathon Rwasa, in Dar es-Salaam, expressing his readiness to negotiate with a view to put a final end to violence. The Council urges both parties to seize this opportunity for negotiations with a view to bringing peace to the whole country.

"The Security Council requests in this context the Secretary-General to keep it regularly informed on developments in the situation, and, in consultation with the Government of Burundi, on ONUB's disengagement plan.

"The Security Council welcomes the progress made by the Government of Burundi since the completion of the transition, in particular its efforts to reduce poverty.

"The Security Council encourages the Burundian parties to continue on the course of the reforms agreed in Arusha, while maintaining the spirit of dialogue, consensus and inclusion which made possible the success of the transition in their country.

"The Security Council invites the States of the Regional Initiative to continue to work with the Burundian authorities on the consolidation of peace in the country and in the region. It encourages the international community — including the relevant United Nations agencies — to continue to support the Burundian authorities in the long term."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.