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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Friday, 18 November 2005, at 10 a.m.

Chairperson: Mr. MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ

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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

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Initial report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CAT/C/37/Add.6)

1. At the invitation of the Chairperson, Mr. Mindua Kesia-Mbe and Mr. Nswele Madiwani (Democratic Republic of the Congo) took places at the Committee table.
2. Mr. MINDUA KESIA-MBE (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Office at Geneva, said that, regrettably, the delegation of his country was unable to attend the meeting with the Committee as scheduled, since its members had been unable to obtain visas from the Swiss authorities. He urged the Committee to intercede on the delegation's behalf to enable his country to fulfil its reporting obligations.
3. Mr. CAMARA, supported by Mr. EL MASRY, agreed that the Committee should intercede on the delegation's behalf. Details should be discussed in closed session.
4. It was so decided.

The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 10.35 a.m.