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PETITION FROM MR. ISMAIL MAHAMUD AND OTHERS
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, two communications dated 21 and 27 September 1951 from Mr. Ismail Mahamud and others concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

These communications were transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

Mogadishu, 21st September 1951

To: THE PRESIDENT
THE VISITING MISSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
IN SOMALILAND,
M O G A D I S H U.

Sir,

We, the undersigned somalis representing 10,000 unemployed somalis residing in Mogadishu, beg to submit the following few lines to the U.N. Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission in Somaliland, in the fervent hope that they will receive your kind consideration.

The main object of our letter is to request for an interview with your honour. Therefore, we shall be extremely grateful if you be kind enough as to inform us whether you are prepared to interview with the 10,000 unemployed persons, who are ready to manifest their grievances to you. In case of impossibility, we would like you to know that we shall be representing them and shall only be waiting to know the date and hour you are to receive us.

The 10,000 unemployed persons or their delegations shall inform you as soon as you receive them, the nature of their interview with your honour.

Please accept your humble excuses for having trespassed your valuable time, and the senses of our highest esteem, we beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

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| 1. ISMAIL MAHAMUD (Sgd.) | 2. ADAN AHMED HUSSEN (Sgd.) |
| 3. MOHAMED HONDUB HASSAN (Sgd.) | 4. ABDI SOFFE (Sgd.) |
| 5. HAJI ABDULLAHI ISSA (Sgd.) | 6. ALI ISMAN MOHAMED (Sgd.) |
| | 7. HASSAN AHMED (Sgd.) |

ADDRESS:

Villaggio Hamarwen,
Mogadishu.

/Mogadiscio,

Mogadiscio, 27th September 1951

To:-

THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.N.O.
VISITING MISSION ON THE TERRITORY
OF SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMN.

M O G A D I S C I O.

Sirs,

Further to our petition addressed to you dated the 21st inst., we the undersigned somalis representing the number of 10,000 peoples claimants herewith inform of the nature of our request for interviews-

1^o) We are representing a number of 10,000 somalis unemployed in Mogadishu and on their behalf we have to state what herebelow follows:-

- (a) there is a great tendency of unemployment which is continuously increasing due to the carelessness of the italian administration, as all the manual work such as, carpenters, blacksmiths, washermans, cabdrivers, taxidivers, shoemakers, charcoal sellers, wood-cutters, milksellers, egg-sellers, hay-sellers, etc.etc., are carried on by italian since this administration took off the powers of the country,
- (b) many of our unemployers are deriving from peoples discharged reasonless from service, and whose posts are auhomatically been replaced by italian workers,
- (c) to this regard, we have to add that we have separately submitted from time to time, various appeals to the administration but no action has ever been taken to solve this very critic situation of ours;

Standing the facts as above stated we are applying to this U.N.O. Visiting Mission and ask for what follows:-

- (a) that the U.N.O. Visiting Mission should determine and solve this catastrophicus case which hangs on our peoples, as many of our brothers were led to misery, hunger, and death;
- (b) that the U.N.O. Visiting Mission should dispose of the lifes of these people, who are living in this territory without any hope.

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We are with no word to explain our impossible and most difficult manner of living but we deeply hope that this Mission may understand our grievances and that they will undoubtedly intervene. We know only that we are exhausted and out of any hope, and would be ready to go in whatever other country instead of continuing this depressing and miserable life. Looking for an answer,

Yours faithfully

Ismail Mahamud _____

Adana Ahmed Hussen _____

Mohamed Hondub Hassan _____

Abdi Soffe _____

Haji Abdullai Issa _____

Ali Isman Mohamed _____

Ahmed Mahamud _____
