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PETITION FROM CHIEFS AND NOTABLES OF THE LOWER JUBA PROVINCE
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 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, an undated communication from Chiefs and Notables of the Lower Juba Province concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

To: The United Nations Advisory Council - MOGADISCIO

The undersigned Chiefs and Notables of the Lower Juba Province, having learned of the transfer of Dr. Aldo Wagner from the Commissariat of the Lower Juba Province, and in the democratic spirit that always prompts us, take the liberty to submit this petition requesting that the Advisory Council make it known to the Italian Trusteeship Administration of Somaliland that the replacement of Dr. Wagner is not desired by any of our people and the undersigned.

In our opinion Commissioner Wagner has always been guided by a spirit of understanding and initiative that we found in no one else. Dr. Wagner inspected the whole of the Territory, showing interest in all people; he is therefore known by those who had never seen a white man. He has been with us both in town and in the bush; he accompanied us on long caravans up country where he took an interest in all the needs of the country, and by now we know his goodness, the great activity by which he is prompted. He has been with us only one year and yet we have seen many changes in the territory. He gave impulse to construction, encouraging private people to erect buildings, and now the territory has new schools, new markets, a new Mosque and new lighting installations in our villages. No one could have done more, and this is the reason why we invoke the Council's good offices so that Dr. Wagner is not taken from us, for he is thoroughly familiar with our problems and needs, and his replacement would only delay our advancement.

This, our request, is the expression of the will of our people - presented in a spirit of democracy.

With kindest regards, we beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd) Cav. Hagi Ali Shirua - Osman Mahamud
 Notabile Hagi Mohamed Gheba - O.M.
 Notabile Kalif Hagi Mussa - Issa Mahamud
 Notabile Issa Ghesso' - Issa Mahamud
 Chief Ahmed Mohamed - Uarsangheli
 Notabile Aiar Osman
 Chief Hagi Mohamud Elmi - Lelcasse
 Chief Scerif Salhe bin Omar - Territorial
 Councillor
 Chief Hagi Mohamed Calif - Scekal
 Sultan Neghei Mohamed - Macabul
 Chief Hagi Ali Mohamed, called Bagiuni
 Notabile Barre Farah
 Chief Mohamed Noor Goad - Omar Mahamud
 Notabile Abdi Omar
 Chief Omar Ibrahim Ogaden - Bagiuni
 Notabile Iusuf Mohamed Mussa - Bagiuni
 Notabile Bana bin Lali
 Notabile Mohamed Rafei
 Notabile Fummo Abdalla
 Cali bin Tagir
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 Hagi Omar Hassen

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