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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, a communication dated 21 September 1951 from the "Artigianato Somalo" concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

Translation from the Italian.

Mogadishu, 21st Sept. 1951.

To:-

THE PRESIDENT

THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S

VISITING MISSION IN SOMALILAND

M O G A D I S H U.

Sir,

We, as members of the Committee leaders of the "ARTIGIANATO SOMAIA" association, on behalf of the members of our association, have the honour to address you our best greeting of welcome in Somaliland, where you are today on mission of the United Nations. Our faith in you and in the United Nations is absolute. Therefore we beg you to accept also on behalf of the United Nations our profound and sincere thanks for what has been done for our Country and for what shall be done in future.

At the outset let us bring to your kind attention to the fact that object of our association is that of developing and increasing the Somalia artisanage and despite all the difficulties met and that to be met we shall do our utmost to overcome in struggling for the achievement of our ends.

The Somali worker in general, and the artisan in particular, is not protected by any law. Neither his capacity nor his necessity is taken into account. He is subjected to the arbitrary of the work-giver, who profits of the general quasi unemployment of the population of this Territory, pretending a continuous work and that's from morning to afternoon with an unsufficient salary for the worker's needs. No possibility therefore of dedicating study hours is given to the worker.

The Italian Trusteeship Administration of Somalia, up-to-date has not issued any provisions to better the economic condition of the Somali worker.

For what above mentioned, we beg you to keep in mind that the direct assistance of the United Nations is ABSOLUTELY necessary for this Territory, otherwise you may rest assured that the 10 years will pass away without anything being done.

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Having not at our disposal the necessary time to submit you the details of the facts, we reserve to furnish you verbally with all necessary details.

We beg to remain, Sir,

Yours respectfully

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