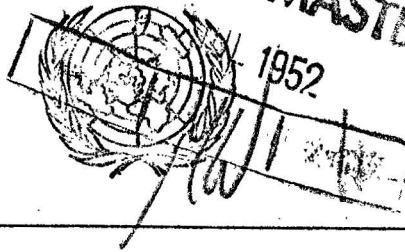


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PETITION FROM THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, BRANCH OF GAROE
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 updated communication from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Garoe, 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.

Translated from Arabic

To: (1) Administrator Fornari
(2) United Nations Advisory Council
(3) Commissario of Midjertein

We, the undersigned, refuse to submit to fingerprinting and wish to present our complaints against this matter.

(1) We do not know the reason why the Administration wants people to sign with their fingerprints..... We do not accept what we do not know. We do not wish to resist the Administration but we do want an explanation.

(2) Anybody with sane taste and knowledge of the law knows that fingerprinting is required when a man is in prison for committing the following crimes: (1) robbery; (2) killing and (3) looting and such. Also a man has to register his fingerprints if he applies for employment with the Government. But why should a man, innocent of the crimes mentioned above and not desiring any employment with the Government, be forced to have his fingerprints registered.

(3) The Maresciallo of Garoe says that it is the judicial authority that made the fingerprinting compulsory.

We request the Administering Authority to look into this matter with an eye to justice.

(signed) Hagi Abdulla Mohamed
and 23 others

Somali Youth League
Garoe

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 17 May 1952
