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## PETITION FROM MR. DARMAN HASSAN 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, one undated, the other dated 2 October 1951 from Mr. Darman Hassan 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, and form a supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.11/59.

/Darman Hassan & Machi Sheikh  
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To:-  
The U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
U.N.O. VISITING MISSION ON SOMALILAND - MOGADISHU

Excellencies,

We the undersigned Darman Hassan and Machi Sheik Omar both employed in the "Capitaneria di Porto" (Port & Marine) of Mogadishu, herewith humbly have the honour to submit translated copy of the text of the application, submitted to His Excellency the Administrator of Somalia, with copies for information to, Commissariato Regionale through Residente di Mogadiscio, and copy to the Port & Marine Mogadishu.- for which they have not received any answer whatsoever.<sup>1/</sup>

The above application was submitted in three copies to the addresses as above stated, and though we many times verbally solicited to receive an answer, no step has been taken up to date to solve this vital and important case for us.

We are therefore submitting the matter to your Honour with the fervent hope that you may kindly intervene and give your suggestion which is for us like a "highest verdict of justice for human rights".

Hoping to be favoured, thanking you in advance we remain Excellencies,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) DARMAN HASSAN  
" MACHI SHEIK OMAR

<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: The text quoted is that of the letter dated 6 August 1951 in document T/PET.11/54, reproduced.

/Darman Hassan

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Date 2nd October 1951

To:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE VISITING MISSION  
OF THE U.N.O. ON SOMALILAND

MOGADISHU

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Excellencies,

We the undersigned Darman Hassan & Machi Sheik Omar representing the 375 somali employees of the Port & Marine Works furtherly to our petition submitted on the arrival of this Mission have to state what follows:

- 1°) EMPLOYEE'S TREATMENT: all the dependants of this Department are to protest vigorously for the lack of treatment which is supposed to be given to dependants to administration. There is no right and they are not heard whenever they have to protest on something which concerns them unanimously.
- 2°) SOCIAL PROVIDENCES: no step has been taken to ensure that social providence is respected, and thus employees are not due to rightful dues on disability on service, they are not given sanitary assistance free, and they are not paid on absence of job while are disabled on service purpose.
- 3°) REGULATIONS: employees were once dealing with regulations defining their situation with the administration, but this is not existing not since this administration handed over the powers; we have also to add that during the British Administration this work was carried out by the administration, and that now the Italian Admn. has handed it over to an Italian private firm.
- 4°) They have to add that while they were once favourable to the return of Italians in this country, they have not accrued of any benefit, other than threats, and raciality.
- 5°) GENERAL CONDITIONS: on its complex this department has now become the most

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impossible one, and nevertheless employees are compelled to work, otherwise they may incur loosing their job.

They are therefore applying to this Mission for the determination of this problem, which has severally been submitted to the Italian administration, and always resulted vain, and beg for a visit of this Mission in their Department to take note of their assertions. Again they pray for, that this matter should be taken up to the Session for necessary consideration, at Lake Success. We can prove to have submitted claims to the administration without any answer.

Please note that our only representants are the two elements whose names are indicated on the top of the present letter. Any answer may directly be referred to them on our behalf.

Looking for an honourable answer from this Mission of the U.N.O. sure that this appeal may be soon taken into consideration awaiting for their result they are pleased to undersigne.

Yours most obedient servants,

DARMAN HASSAN

MACHI SEHK OMAR

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