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PETITION FROM MR. HASSAN MOHAMED HASSAN
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 4 October 1951 from Mr. Hassan Mohamed Hassan 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.

To the Chairman of the
United Nations Visiting Mission
MOGADISCIO

I the undersigned, Hassan Mohamed Hassan, merchant, of
No. 50 Cardinal Massaia Street, Mogadiscio, PO box 121, with all due respect,
state the following:

In accordance with an international agreement established by the
International Court, the British Military Administration of Somaliland
proclaimed in 1943 a special duty of 10 per cent on some imports, in order to
balance the expenses sustained during the war. Now it is six years since
the war ended and I ask: why has not this proclamation been repealed?

As to the granting of import licences, it is impossible to obtain
any licence in Somaliland at the present time, except for imports from Italy.
As you well know, Italian goods cost 40 per cent more than those of the
sterling area. Do you think it possible to build up an economically
depressed country like Somaliland by this system?

In the hope of receiving a written answer, I thank you in advance.

SIGNED: H.M. Hassan

Mogadiscio, 4 October 1951
