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PETITION FROM MR. AHMED MOHAMED HUSSEN MOHAMED 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, a communication dated 3 October 1951 from Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Husen Mohamed 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.

Mogadishu, 3rd October 1951.

To: THE PRESIDENT,  
THE U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL,  
MOGADISHU.

Your Excellency,

I, the undersigned AHMED MOHAMED HUSSEN MOHAMED, residing in Mogadishu, have the honour to recourse to the authoritative comprehension and impartial justice of Your Excellency, and do fervently hope that you would kindly take into consideration the following:

1. In the 1941, when the British forces were to occupy Somalia, the former Italian Government of Somalia have taken into requisition of one lorry belonging to my deceased father;

2. As a matter of fact, when H.E. Brusasca arrived here in Mogadishu in August 1951, I and my uncle addressed to him a petition asking for the return of our lorry to us. H.E. Brusasca has accepted our request and gave instructions to the Ufficio Affari Interni (Internal Affairs Office). The Director of this Office (Doct. Benardelli), informed us to come back in the next day. When we went to him on the following day, Dr. Benardelli, tried first to make us desist for asking the refund of the lorry, but when he saw that we were insisting, he then told us that he was going to give us the sum of So.107/- as the price-value of the lorry in question. As it would be evident, we refused such an amount by giving him a full picture of our lorry's type and price-value as well as in the circumstances of how its requisition was made, and finally of the necessity of our family to getting back the lorry in question or its model. The result of this was that we were chased away from the office, and told that the Administration will not give us what we ask legally and rightfully to be given.

I therefore, most respectfully beg your Excellency to please intervene in this matter and see that my lorry is returned to me, for which act of kindness I shall ever remain grateful.

Trusting that your Excellency will not fail to stretching out to me his hand of succour in order that my legitimate lorry or its type is returned to me in the true light of justice and humanity.

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I am anxiously awaiting your early and favourable reply, with many thanks in anticipation.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant.

AHMED MOHAMED HUSSEN MOHAMED

(signed): Ahmed Mohamed.

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 6 October 1951.

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