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PETITION FROM MR. HASSAN GULED AND FOUR OTHER EX-SOLDIERS
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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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 2 October 1951 from Mr. Hassan Guled and four other ex-soldiers 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.

THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION,
MOGADISCIO

The undersigned ex soldiers of the Italian colonial Army, humbly and respectfully have the honour to state as follows:

They served the ex Italian Colonial Army for a considerable time, and had faced most difficulties in various war, whilst defending the Italian flag. They had sustained in action very serious wounds in the operation conducted against Ethiopia and the last great war. After passing various medical examination they were considered by the ex Italian Government, that they are unable to perform any further service, and therefore, every of them was granted a pension during the period of his life. They were drawing the said pension until the year of 1941.

Whilst the present Administration had taken over the territory of Somalia, they all reported themselves to the Administration, as being the ex wounded soldiers, and specially those drawing the pension. The Administration had forced them to undergo new medical examination, and their inability to serve any further was approved by the medical Officer. They were requested by the Administration to produce evidence or other testimonial in writing by the ex Italian Government and they did so. Again they were sent to medical examination, and finally were granted to draw a pension. The pension they were drawing had been stopped in the year of 1950 and 1951, and before the suspension of the said pension, the Administration had paid every of them for sometime. The reason suspended their pension never been explained.

They submitted limitless applications to the O.C. Troops General Ferrara and his officer, but even they never been replied. Certain applications were forwarded to his excellency Ferrara but no reply was received by them.

They were sworn also several time as being of the wounded that drawing the pension from the ex Italian Government.

The promise made by Conte Sforze and Mr. Carulli to the United Nations regarding the satisfaction of the ex Soldiers in 1950 was not adopted by the present Administration. They, those blood was scattered in the battlefield wasn't satisfied.

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Even the identity cards which was given to them for the purpose of payment still in their possession. Some of the previous wounded in action are now in prison, and some of them had been chased away like the undersigned and are available now in the bush. The pension they were drawing was suspended by Captain Dagli Espesti, General Ferrara, S.E. Fornari and Maj. Guerra.

If the United Nation Visiting Mission had expedited to interfere the rights of the public they therefore lay their complaint before your kind consideration and assistance please. They add that the Administration will threaten them in prison if they come to know about this complaint. The undersigned won't move from your office unless they gain a quite satisfaction reply.

For doing the said favour they will remain grateful and pray almighty God to long your life and prosperity. They less their rights, because the administration had ascertained that they are of the S.Y.L. 2.10.5

1. Hassan Guled Giamm Egal Tassera No. 11 (sgd.)
2. Hussein Guled Nur Gamei Tassera No. 194 (sgd.)
3. Fara Ali Cairo Barro Tassera No. 327 (sgd.)
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VILLIAGIGIO DUCA
BENDET GHADID
