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PETITION FROM MR. MOHAMED AWOD DAAR 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 2 October 1951 from Mr. Mohamed Awod Daar 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.

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To:
THE PRESIDENT
THE U.N. VISITING MISSION
MOGADISHU

Sir,

I, the undersigned MOHAMED AWOD DAAR, most humbly and respectfully have the honour to submit the following statement, for your kind consideration:-

Before anything else, I would like to state that I have been serving as a Gendarme in the ex S.G. Field Force for a period of 4 years. On my request, I have obtained my discharge from service, on 27th July 1946, and the attached excellent discharge certificate has been given to me. On the 27th July, 1946, I was enlisted as Warder in the Somalia Prison, where I have been serving for about 4 consecutive years, and exactly from the date of my dischargement from the S.G. Field Force Coy.- When the U.N. deliberated that Somaliland shall be under her trustee, I requested to be given dischargement from the service, but the O/C of the Prison persuaded me to remain and serve my country, under the Italian Trusteeship Power.

After 6 months of Italy's administration in Somaliland, while on duty, I have been arrested without any plausible reason. Immediately I was taken to jail, where I remained for 3 consecutive months without ever being brought before a Court of trial and even being informed of the nature of my imprisonment. When I was freed, I have been told that 'the sentence was complete'. I believe that such an imprisonment and consequent condemnation is unjust, since I was not aware of what has lead the Administration to **imprison** me. When I presented to take up my post, I have been informed that I have been discharged from service on the same day of my arrest.

I came later to know that the reason of my imprisonment was due to the Administration's suspecting me of having been one of those who refused by opposing Italy's return in Somaliland. I submitted 3 petitions to the local authority without ever receiving any reply.

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Let me state that I am a young man, who can do physical work for his own maintainance; and who is unable to obtain employment from the Administration only because I am 'suspected' of being 'anti-Italian'. Further, if I could I would not have asked any employment with the Administration, but as all my livestock died during the last drought, I was compelled to look for work with the Administration, but without any avail.

I am therefore compelled to respectfully ask the President and the Members of the U.N. Visiting Mission to help me to obtain an employment; in case of impossibility I pray you to obtain for me an international passport, so that I may go to the outside world to earn for my daily bread.

I beg to be forgiven for having disturbed you and trespassing your valuable time, with many thanks in advance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

MOHAMED AWOD DAAR

Born Galcaio, Somaliland
(writing illegible)

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