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COMMUNICATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHAMBALA  
CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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The Hon. Secretary-General  
United Nations Organization  
Lake Success,  
NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

We undersigned humbly submit this statement concerning our petition sent to  
you on 20 August, 1954. We trust you shall make it much important to help us in  
the difficulties given.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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2. Salehe Shemmela . . . . . Mbuzii
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## THE MEETING WITH THE LUSHOTO DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. We humbly and respectfully ask your information whether to submit a petition to you for your consideration is legal crime. We have been holding a meeting with the District Council of twenty (20) of tribe representatives, and about sixty-four members of the Council. Our Lawyer was present prepared to lead us to form a society. The District Commissioner who was the chairman contended the Wasambaa to form a society with allegation that we have sent a petition to U.N.O. and in the petition the main subject is the deposition of the present chief. Therefore the District Commissioner proclaimed the writers of the petition to be outlaws.

2. We undersigned wish to hear from you whether the Tanganyika Government is not on good terms with the U.N.O. As a result of the proclamation, the two members who were entrusted by the other tribe representatives to frame the memorandum of the petition were prevented to attend the meeting. This proclamation caused anxiety to all tribe representatives which made two of them to reject the knowledge of the petition timidly. And thereafter they apologized the Wasambaa that they unconsciously did it. Could you please draw your attention to how much the Wasambaa are oppressed - knowing that they could easily be sent to prison arbitrary, they rejected their desire before the meeting.

### 3. IN THE MEETING

The invited member in the council Mr. Petro Njau the President to Kilimanjaro Citizens' Union gave a speech; between the speech he stated that we tribe representatives are lucky because of the European Government being here, otherwise we should be cut off our heads (which is the feeling of the Usambara rulers). The councilors excluding the Lawyer and the Police Officer applauded. This is an evidence that the indication is the sign of the feeling of the councilors to be the ancestors rule pre-present rules. The tribe representatives were bewildered why the Europeans present in the meeting some of them shared the applause.

(ii) Over 1,000 uninvited persons gathered together on the Native Treasury Office ground where the meeting took place on 6/2/55. They attended in order to receive the resolution past by the meeting.

(iii) In order to support the contention of the District Commissioner one member of the council Mr. Manase Msangula deceived the meeting complaining that these people who are interested in the advice of the Lawyer have got a feeling of Mau Mau, which is contrary to the feeling of the majority. This man is a deputy Sub-Chief of Mlalo Sub-chiefdom. He gave this complain in the manner of rebuke and anger. This sort of corruption is largely practised by the rulers of Usambara which enblinded the Central Government and oppress the Usambara subjects.

(iv) The Chief rose a question "What is the benefit of forming a society in this country, and what drawback requires the upkeep of a society". The answer given by one of the tribe representatives Mr. Samuel Chamshama was delivered to the chairman, "The chairman I shall be very much grateful if you could kindly ask the Chief not to raise such question, because the same question was raised by his father in 1944 which resulted to his deposition".

4. Since this Chief was elected the Wasambaa compelled by the Government to accept him and they did for the obedience which concerning subjects to their Government. Up to date his deeds are not agreeing with the idea of the majority. In this case we wonder how the Wasmbaa would manage to take the chance of taking the opportunity enjoying their freedom peacefully.

5. It might be a surprise the U.N.O. to receive our petition as we are in small country comprising about 240,000 indigenious. The submission of this petition to such big Council made of representatives of big Nations of the world is because of the oppression and corruption took about 12 years in the country and is still going on. The world enjoy the freedom of the democracy fought for by the Nations of the World. Why the Wasambaa are deprive of this? That is why we dare submit this petition. It is only because we are caged, but we should have sent our delegates with the petition to interview the U.N.O. Council.

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