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SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Draft Report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

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Note by the Secretariat: In order to avoid unnecessary duplication of material which has been already circulated in mimeographed form, the present draft report contains only the material to be added to that contained in the Secretariat working paper (T/C.2/L.161 and 170) and the draft resolutions. The original material should be considered as forming part of the draft, except where otherwise indicated.]

1. At its 260th, 268th and meetings on 17 and 19 June and July 1955, the Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, France, India, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States of America, examined the petitions concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration which are listed in the preceding table of contents.
2. Mr. V. Zadotti participated in the examination as the special representative of the Administering Authority concerned. Members of the United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland also participated in the examination.
3. The Standing Committee submits herewith to the Council its report on these petitions and recommends, in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 6 of the Council's rules of procedure, that the Council decide that no special information is required concerning the action taken on resolutions

I. Petition from Somali Youth League, Branch of Candala (T/PET.11/497)

6. The petition was examined and discussed at the 260th, 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.260, 268 and).
7. The special representative denied the charge made by the petitioners that the SYL headquarters were closed by order of the District Commissioner and that the local secretary and several members had been arrested.
8. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution I, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

I. Petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Candala (T/PET.11/497)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Candala concerning Somaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/497, T/OBS.11/56, T/L.).

Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority and to the statement of its special representative, in particular that

1. the charges concerning the closing of the Somali Youth League headquarters at Candala and the arrest of several of the League's members were denied by the special representative of the Administering Authority;
2. the situation at Candala is now completely normal; and that
3. strenuous efforts have been made by the Administering Authority to improve the economic conditions in the area.

II. Petition from Mr. Nur Amru Miril (T/PET.11/515)

8. The petition was examined and discussed at the 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.268 and).

9. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution II, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

II. Petition from Mr. Nur Amru Miril (T/PET.11/515)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petition from Mr. Nur Amru Miril concerning Scmaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/515, T/OBS.11/61, T/L.).

1. Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority;
2. Requests the Administering Authority to examine the petitioners claim for a pension.

III. Petition from Mr. Haji Abo Imanchio (T/PET.11/523)

4. The petition was examined and discussed at the 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.268 and).
5. The special representative stated that a Court of Appeals would be established in the Territory as soon as the Territorial Council approves the legislation concerning the judicial organization which was recently placed before it. He stated further that the Administering Authority was prepared to advise the petitioner of the legal implications of the Court of Cassation in Rome.
6. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution III, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

III. Petition from Mr. Haji Abo Imanchio (T/PET.11/523)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petition from Mr. Haji Abo Imanchio concerning Somaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/523, T/OBS.11/59, T/L.).

1. Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority, and to the statement of its special representative, in particular that a Court of Appeals would be established in the Territory as soon as the Territorial Council approves the legislation concerning the judicial organization now before it;
2. Further draws the attention of the petitioner to the fact that his previous appeals could not be considered in the Territory since a court of appeals did not exist at that time;
3. Expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will make every effort to simplify the legal procedures in the Territory;
4. Notes that the Administering Authority is prepared to advise the petitioner regarding the legal implications arising from the recent decision of the Court of Cassation in Rome.

IV. Petitions from Sheik Abubakar Sheik Mohamed Haji (T/PET.11/524) and Sheik Hassan Haji Ali Omar (T/PET.11/525)

8. The petitions were examined and discussed at the 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.268 and).

9. The representative of India stated that he had some personal knowledge of the case as a member of the Visiting Mission of 1954. When the former concessionaire, Mr. Pellegrini, had returned to the Territory in 1950, he had wished to cultivate the land he had formerly held. Being aware of the Administering Authority's policy not to evict persons who had cultivated conceded lands during the war, he had put the facts before the tribal chiefs concerned and had reached an agreement with them, apparently to the detriment of the petitioners. Mr. Pelligrini had started to irrigate the land and intended to set up a new shamba on it.

10. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution IV, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

IV. Petitions from Sheik Abubakar Sheik Mohamed Haji (T/PET.11/524) and Sheik Hassan Haji Ali Omar (T/PET.11/525)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petitions from Sheik Abubakar Sheik Mohamed Haji and Sheik Hassan Haji Ali Omar concerning Somaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/524 and 11/525, T/OBS.11/59, T/L.).

1. Draws the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the Administering Authority;

2. Calls to the attention of the petitioners that if any portion of the land they were cultivating had subsequently been used by Mr. Pelligrini for irrigation and other purposes, the Administering Authority would compensate the petitioners with equivalent land in the neighbouring area.

V. Petition from Chiefs and Notables of the Saad Tribe (T/PET.11/538)

4. The petition was examined and discussed at the 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.268 and).

5. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution V, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

V. Petition from Chiefs and Notables of the Saad Tribe (T/PET.11/538)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petition from Chiefs and Notables of the Saad Tribe concerning Somaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/538, T/OBS.11/63, T/L.).

1. Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority;

2. Decides that under the circumstances no action by the Council is called for.

VI. Petition from Somali Youth League, Branch of Hafun (T/PET.11/542)

5. The petition was examined and discussed at the 268th and meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.268 and).

6. The special representative stated that Hafun would soon be granted full status as a municipality.

7. At its meeting, the Committee adopted by votes to with abstentions draft resolution VI, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

VI. Petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Hafun (T/PET.11/542)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined the petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Hafun concerning Somaliland under Italian administration in consultation with Italy as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.11/542, T/OBS.11/64, T/L.).

Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority and to the statement of its special representative.
