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SUMMARIES OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED  
BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, PURSUANT TO RULES 24 AND 85,  
PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Memorandum by the Secretariat

The present memorandum contains a list of documents circulated since 29 July 1955 by the Secretary-General pursuant to rules 24 and 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

The list contains a description of each document (paragraph A), its initial classification by the Secretary-General (paragraph B), and in certain cases remarks (paragraph C) which may assist the Standing Committee on Petitions in classifying the documents in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure.

Communications concerning Tanganyika

1. T/PET.2/L.6

A. Letter dated 20 October 1955 from the President of the Meru Citizens' Union requesting that, since nothing has been done regarding the land problem at Engare Nanyuki and that as a result the people are undergoing severe difficulties, the United Nations investigate the matter and alleviate the petitioners' difficulties.

B. General questions petition.<sup>1/</sup> (See recommendation on the Meru Land Problem adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its fifteenth session - A/2933, pages 58 and 59.)

Communications concerning the Cameroons under British administration

2. T/PET.4/L.3

A. Letter dated 19 July 1955 from the Victoria Branch of the Union des Populations du Cameroun (UPC) requesting that persons from the French-administered Cameroons living in the Cameroons under British administration be given suffrage. Complaint is also made of lack of hospitals, shops and roads.

B. General questions petition.

Communications from the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration

3. T/PET.4 and 5/L.9

A. Letter dated 6 August 1955 from Mr. Felix Song complaining that the Administering Authorities have misrepresented the wishes of the indigenous inhabitants particularly with respect to their aspirations for unification and independence, and charging them with acts of intimidation and repression. It is also charged that indigenous inhabitants are barred from trade and other economic activities which are said to be in the hands of foreign interests.

B. General questions petition.

Communications from the Cameroons under French administration

4. T/PET.5/R.11

A. Unsigned letter dated 24 June 1955 from the "Secret Committee" of the UPC at Douala posted from Paris (France) complaining that the High Commissioner in the Cameroons has initiated a policy of repression in the Territory and that members

<sup>1/</sup> A petition concerning general problems to which the attention of the Council has already been called, and on which the Council has taken decisions or has made recommendations.

of the UPC, JDC and UDEFEC are being persecuted and beaten and that the homes of many of them have been sacked. Further complaints concern the incidents which took place in the Cameroons during the latter part of May 1955.

B. Anonymous petition.

5. T/PET.5/R.12

A. Unsigned copy of a resolution adopted at Douala on 26 June 1955 by the Central Committee of the UPC, New Bell Centre, and mailed from Paris (France) protesting against the policies of force and persecution which the High Commissioner in the Cameroons is said to have initiated and which it is charged resulted in the incidents which took place in May 1955. Protest is made against the persecution of nationalist movements in the Cameroons and the sentence imposed on Mr. Ruben Um Nyobe. It requests United Nations intervention for the release of arrested Nationalist leaders.

B. Anonymous petition.

6. T/PET.5/R.13

A. Telegram dated 12 November 1955 from the Population of Yaoundé, sent from Kumba in the Cameroons under British administration, complaining that since the arrival of the Visiting Mission arrests, followed by tortures have taken place, that three patriots were wounded and eight others have disappeared and requesting that a United Nations Mission of inquiry be sent to restore calm in the Territory.

B. Anonymous petition.

7. T/PET.5/R.14

A. Telegram dated 12 November 1955 from the population of Douala, sent from Kumba in the Cameroons under British administration, complaining that the Douala population is unable to express itself freely concerning the question of unification and independence and that the Visiting Mission saw only individuals who have been approved by the Administration after their petitions have been screened.

B. Anonymous petition.

8. T/PET.5/L.66

A. Letter dated 28 July 1955 from the Fraternity of Veterans and Ex-Servicemen of the Cameroons, Branch of Douala, requesting the end of Trusteeship for the Trust Territory and its subsequent incorporation in the French Union.

B. General questions petition.

9. T/PET.5/L.67

A. Letter dated 29 July 1955 from the Bangou Committee Family demanding unification and independence by the Cameroons and requesting that a Visiting Mission come to the Territory to assess "all damages" and they say that as members "we do not want English, French and America".

B. General questions petition.

10. T/PET.5/L.68

A. Letter dated 29 July 1955 from Samuel Yakam's Family demanding unification and independence and that the army which is said to have been brought to the Territory from Chad be sent back. They further demand that another Visiting Mission be sent to the Cameroons to assess all damages in that Territory.

B. General questions petition.

11. T/PET.5/L.69

A. Telegram dated 19 September 1955 from the Bureau Politique de l'Union des Populations du Cameroun urging the General Assembly to vote unanimously for the unification and independence of the Cameroons and to enjoin the Administering Authority to remove its troops from the Territory and to free many of the imprisoned patriots.

B. General questions petition.

12. T/PET.5/L.70

A. Letter dated 14 September 1955 from Paramount Chief Joseph Belibi and others advocating continued trusteeship status under French administration for the Territory as a preliminary step towards independence. In the meantime they request further development in the political, economic, social and educational fields.

B. General questions petition.

13. T/PET.5/L.71

- A. Undated letter from Mr. Menganda requesting the United Nations to mediate the differences between the indigenous inhabitants and the Administering Authority. He states that while the population appreciates the efforts of the Administering Authority in all fields, it realizes that Trusteeship cannot cease as yet.
- B. General questions petition.

14. T/COM.5/L.129

- A. Letter dated 17 June 1955 from Mr. Abel Mimbiang Nyubata containing comments concerning the examination of his previously submitted petition (T/PET.5/269 and Add.1) which the Council examined at its fifteenth session.
- B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.
- C. The petition in question related to a pension claim arising out of the dismissal of the petitioner from government service. By its resolution 1165 (XV) the Council drew the attention of the petitioner to the statement of the special representative that his case was covered by the Decree of 30 April 1946, not by the Decree of 19 May 1952 and that as a result of his conviction and subsequent dismissal, he was not eligible to receive a refund of his contributions to the pension fund.

15. T/COM.5/L.130

- A. Letter dated 28 June 1955 from Mr. Sylvestre Mbogsi containing comments concerning the examination of his previously submitted petition (T/PET.5/262) which the Council examined at its fifteenth session.
- B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.
- C. The petition in question related to a land claim and a request for the payment of indemnities. By its resolution 1158 (XV) the Council requested the Administering Authority to seek information from the John Hold Company as to the use to which the Company was putting that part of its land which was not planted with hevea, and to inform the Trusteeship Council. The information requested has not yet been submitted by the Administering Authority.

16. T/COM.5/L.131

- A. Summary record of a meeting held on 4 July 1955, transmitted by the Secretary of the Manjo Local Committee of the UPC, in which certain incidents at Manjo on 25 May 1955 are discussed.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

17. T/COM.5/L.132

A. Letter dated 10 June 1955 addressed to the President of the Republic by the Bamiléké Chiefs of the Bafang Sub-division expressing approval of the action taken against the UPC.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

18. T/COM.5/L.133

A. Letter dated 3 July 1955 from Mr. Michel Owona seeking information concerning his previously submitted petition (T/PET.5/267 and Add.1) and reiterating his complaint that he was not present in court when his daughter was given to Mr. Mbida Germain.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The petition in question related to a complicated paternity case and its handling by the courts. By its resolution 1163 (XV) the Council decided that as the dispute was one which was within the competence of the courts of the Territory no recommendation by the Council was called for. The petitioner has been informed of the outcome of the examination of the petition by the Council.

19. T/COM.5/L.134

A. Letter dated 20 July 1955 addressed to the Minister of Overseas France by General Secretary of the Coordination des Indépendants Camerounais congratulating him on the dissolution of the UPC.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

20. T/COM.5/L.135

Note: The present communication was erroneously published under this symbol and was subsequently circulated as T/PET.5/L.66. As such it is listed under Section 8 above.

21. T/COM.5/L.136

A. Copy of a letter dated 23 July 1955 addressed to the President of the French National Assembly charging that the High Commissioner did not present a true picture concerning conditions in the Territory and demanding that he be recalled, the decree outlawing the UPC and other organizations be rescinded, and that imprisoned patriots be released.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

22. T/COM.5/L.137

- A. Copy of a letter dated 24 August 1955 addressed to the French High Commissioner in the Cameroons by the Secretary of the Jamaica (B.W.I.) Federation of Trade Unions protesting the arrest of the General Secretary of the Cameroons CGT Trades Council as well as of others and requesting their release.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

23. T/COM.5/L.138

- A. Letter dated 12 August 1955 from the Secretary of the Committee for the Defence of Democratic Liberties in Black Africa transmitting a copy of a memorandum deposited with the Chief State Counsel at Douala by the defending Counsel in connexion with the application to the French State Council for an order to quash the Decree dissolving the UFC.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

24. T/COM.5/L.139

- A. Motion dated 14 September 1955 from the Yaoundé Branch of the Ex-servicemen's Association expressing approval of the security measures which were taken by the Government in connexion with the May incidents in the Territory and advocating compulsory military service for all young Cameroonians.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

Communications concerning Togoland under British administration

25. T/PET.6/L.66

- A. Telegram dated 31 October 1955 from Paramount Chief Nee Keteku II, Anyigbe Local Council, requesting unconditional integration of the Anyigbe Local Council area into that part of Anlo in the Gold Coast which would make the holding of any proposed plebiscite in that area undesirable.
- B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem and the future of Togoland under British administration.

26. T/PET.6/L.67 and Add.1

- A. Telegram and letter dated 9 and 8 November 1955, respectively, from the Natural Rulers and People of Anyigbe Local Council area requesting union with their kinfolk in Anlo State in the Gold Coast and stating that if a plebiscite must be held, the votes cast in the Anyigbe area should be counted separately.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem and the future of Togoland under British administration.

27. T/COM.6/L.54

A. Copy of a statement dated 24 February 1955 addressed to Her Majesty, the Queen, from Leaders of the Northern Peoples Party supporting the Ashanti demand for a federal form of Government.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

28. T/COM.6/L.55

A. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Natural Rulers of the Akpafu Division protesting against the signing of a resolution of 30 January 1955 by Mr. C.O. Abido who is described as a destooled chief, and disassociating themselves with the decisions taken at that meeting.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

29. T/COM.6/L.56

A. Letter dated 7 June 1955 from Chief S.K. Amegagoh III transmitting the copy of a resolution adopted by the Chiefs, Notables and people of Gbodome Division of Kpandu on 7 June 1955 and addressed to the Governor of the Gold Coast protesting that Patrik Yawo Ablenyi was not elected in accordance with customary procedures and, therefore, should not be recognized as Chief.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

30. T/COM.6/L.57

A. Copy of a memorandum addressed to the Deputy Governor of the Gold Coast by Chiefs and people of the Yingor Local Council expressing their intention to refrain from participation in Gold Coast politics and opposing integration of the Trust Territory into the Gold Coast.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

31. T/COM.6/L.58

A. Copy of a letter dated 18 July 1955 addressed to the Chairman of the Public Service Commission in Accra by Mr. E. Kofi Dumevi complaining that only one candidate from the Trans-Volta Togoland Region passed the competitive examinations for entry into the executive class each time they were held and that none of them were natives of Togoland. He suggests that the answers to previous examinations



be sent to candidates following the release of the examination's results to enable candidates to prepare themselves better for the next examinations.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

32. T/COM.6/L.59

A. Copy of a letter dated 30 August 1955 addressed to the Governor of the Gold Coast by Nana Atoursah Agyeman I protesting against the report of the Commission of Inquiry concerning the Nawuri/Nanjuro affairs at Kpandai (Gonja District) and accusing it of partiality.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

Communications concerning Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration

33. T/PET.6 and 7/L.45 and Add.1

A. Letters dated 18 August and 1 September 1955 from the Secretary-General of the Gold Coast Central Committee of Juvento protesting against certain statements made to the 1955 Visiting Mission by the Northern Territories Council, as well as against other statements.

B. Petition relating to the Togoland unification problem and the future of Togoland under British administration.

34. T/PET.6 and 7/L.46

A. Letter dated 14 September 1955 from the Council of Togoland Unificationists in the Gold Coast protesting that the Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the Gold Coast are intimidating the indigenous population and requesting that separate legislatures be established for the two Togolands.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem and the future of Togoland under British administration.

35. T/PET.6 and 7/L.47

A. Letter dated 14 October 1955 from Mr. Seth N.K. Adio requesting information whether "the choice of the nation which will lead Togo to independence after unification will be made by the Togoland themselves or UNO or the Administering Authorities".

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem and the future of Togoland under British administration.

36. T/COM.6 and 7/L.22

A. Copy of a resolution adopted on 10 May 1955 by Juvento and addressed to the acting commissioner of the French Republic in Togoland under French administration and the Governor of the Gold Coast denouncing the dismissal of workers on account of their political affiliations, and concerning racial discrimination and social justice as it exists in the Territories.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

37. T/COM.6 and 7/L.23

A. Copy of a resolution adopted on 10 May 1955 by Juvento addressed to the High Commissioner of the French Republic and the Governor of the Gold Coast and transmitted by Mr. Napo Badji, National Secretary of that organization expressing gratification at the efforts of the Missions in the field of education, denouncing repressive measures which are said to have been taken against nationalist students and containing a number of suggestions relating to the improvement in secondary and higher education in the Territories.

B. This is a reiteration of the complaints contained in T/PET.6 and 7/4 regarding "refugees" from Togoland under French administration, in particular that their relatives in that Territory are required to pay poll taxes on their behalf. In that respect, the Trusteeship Council by resolutions 1359 (XVI) and 1360 (XVI) expressed the hope that the Administering Authority would re-examine the procedures whereby exemption from local taxation is obtained.

38. T/COM.6 and 7/L.24

A. Letter dated 18 July 1955 from the National Secretary of the Togoland Reformation Movement informing the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the formation of that organization.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

39. T/COM.6 and 7/L.25

A. Letter dated 15 October 1955 from the Secretary-General of the Rassemblement Populaire des Refugies du Togo Français (RPRTF) containing comments concerning the examination of T/PET.6 and 7/4 by the Trusteeship Council.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The petition in question was examined by the Council at its sixteenth session. It related to the status of persons from Togoland under French administration living in Togoland under British administration as regards taxation which is imposed on them in the French zone. The Council by its resolution 1359 (XVI) recognized the fact that the movement of population involved was seasonal or temporary immigration of a purely economic character and invited the Secretary-General to communicate to the petitioners resolution 1360 (XVI) concerning the local tax obligations of persons dwelling abroad. By that resolution the Council expressed the hope that the Administering Authority would re-examine the procedures whereby exemption from local taxation was obtained with a view to minimizing the difficulties which may at present be experienced by persons dwelling abroad.

Communications concerning Togoland under French administration

40. T/PET.7/L.13

- A. Letter dated 30 September 1955 from Mr. William Amenke complaining that France is delaying the improvement of Togoland and exploiting its resources.  
B. General questions petition.

41. T/COM.7/L.33

- A. Letter dated 27 August 1955 from Mr. Boniface Dotse refuting the observations of the Administering Authority concerning his previously submitted petition (T/PET.7/417 and Add.1). He states that he is 52 years of age and not 68 and that his health is not deteriorating, but that he was merely ill for a period of thirty-five days.  
B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.  
C. By resolution 1241 (XV), the Council in respect of Mr. Dotse's dismissal from the Public Service drew his attention to the observations of the Administering Authority, which attributed his dismissal in part to his age and poor health.

Communications concerning Somaliland under Italian administration

42. T/PET.11/R.5

- A. Letter dated 7 April 1955 from "the Workers of Scusciuban" requesting "the selection of Arif Abyadh because we need him" and requesting economic help and work. They request the "United Nations to take the train and visit us and see our plight".  
B. Anonymous petition.

43. T/COM.11/L.181 and Add.1, 184 and 185

A. Telegrams addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland from organizations and individuals listed below requesting the removal of the Regional Commissioner of the Mijiurtein on grounds that his presence is prejudicial to Somali independence.

<u>Communication:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Authors:</u>
T/COM.11/L.181 and Add.1 (Telegram)	11 and 31 July 1955	Somali Youth League, Branches of Scusciuban, Gardo, Candala, Bosaso, Garoe, Hordio and Hafun
T/COM.11/L.184 (Telegram)	15 July 1955	Mr. Ugaz Yassin Hajji Ibrahim and others
T/COM.11/L.185	15 July 1955	Notables, Holy Men and Youths of the Ali Soleman, Osman Mohamud, Ali Gibrail, and Deciscia tribes.

B. Communications submitted specifically for information.

44. T/COM.11/L.182, 183, 186, 187 and 190

A. Communications addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland from organizations and individuals listed below refuting the demands made in the communications listed in section 43 above and requesting that the Regional Commissioner of the Mijurtein remain in his post.

<u>Communication:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Authors:</u>
T/COM.11/L.182 (Telegram)	13 July 1955	Mr. Bogor Mussa Iusuf and Others
T/COM.11/L.183 (Telegram)	11 July 1955	Mr. Kalid Yusuf Bogor Said Au Mussa
T/COM.11/L.186 (Telegram)	13 July 1955	The "Partito Democratico Somalo", Branch of Scusciuban
T/COM.11/L.187 (Telegram)	14 July 1955	Mr. Mohamed Ali Samantar and Others
T/COM.11/L.190 (Letter)	17 July 1955	Bogor Mussa Iusuf, Sultan of Migiurteria and Others

B. Communications submitted specifically for information.

45. T/COM.11/L.188, 193, 195, 197, 198, 200-208, 210, 213 and 215-218

A. Communications from organizations and individuals listed below containing various complaints concerning the conduct of shirs which were held in the Territory during the latter half of 1955.

<u>Communication:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Authors:</u>
T/COM.11/L.188 (Telegram)	25 July 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Eil
T/COM.11/L.193 (Telegram)	1 September 1955	Ugas, Chiefs, Notables and Santoni of the Merehan Tribe at Dusa Mareb
T/COM.11/L.195 (Telegram)	6 September 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Alula
T/COM.11/L.197 (Telegram)	14 September 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Eil
T/COM.11/L.198 (Telegrams)	17, 19 and 25 September 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Afmadu
T/COM.11/L.200 (Telegram)	24 September 1955	Members of the Executive Committee of the Somali Youth League, Branch of Gardo
T/COM.11/L.201 (Letter)	5 September 1955	Notables, Holy Men and Elders of the Averghidir Saad Tribe
T/COM.11/L.202 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and People of Rer Gigril Amir
T/COM.11/L.203 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and People of Ugas Gelib
T/COM.11/L.204 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and People of Rer Elmi
T/COM.11/L.205 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and People of Rer Farah Amir
T/COM.11/L.206 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and People of Rer Farah and Magan
T/COM.11/L.207 (Telegram)	1 October 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Afmadu
T/COM.11/L.208 (Letter)	21 September 1955	Somali Youth League, Branch of Galcaio
T/COM.11/L.210 (Letter)	2 October 1955	Dighil Chiefs and Notables of Dopoi
T/COM.11/L.213 (Telegram)	10 October 1955	Representatives of the Arab Meheri Tribe
T/COM.11/L.215 (Telegram)	3 November 1955	Chiefs and Notables of Various Tribes in Afmadu
T/COM.11/L.216 (Telegram)	23 October 1955	Representatives of the "Partito Democratico Somalo" and the Somali Youth League in Scusciuban
T/COM.11/L.217 (Telegram)	20 November 1955	Chiefs and Notables of the Ali Saleman Tribe
T/COM.11/L.218 (Telegram)	21 November 1955	Scek Giama Iusuf

B. Communications submitted specifically for information.

46. T/COM.11/L.189 and Corr.1 and Add.1

A. Letter dated 9 October 1955 from the Associazione ex-militari combattenti della Somalia requesting that ex-servicemen be paid pensions which are due to them and that the United Nations examine their claims.

B. Communication concerning petitions already examined by the Council.

C. During its sixteenth session the Council examined a number of petitions relating to claims of ex-servicemen concerning which the Council adopted resolution 1289 (XVI) whereby inter alia it expressed the hope that the Administering Authority would expedite the payment of pensions to ex-servicemen who may be entitled to them.

47. T/COM.11/L.191

A. Letter dated 25 July 1955 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Messrs. Ibrahim Halil, Abdulcadii Dere and others complaining that farms in their villages are seized, crops destroyed and that the District Commissioner refused to consider their complaints. They also charge that a Mr. Rosica "ploughed up the tombs of our ancestors with tractors and is preparing them for cultivation".

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

48. T/COM.11/L.192

A. Copy of a letter dated 20 August 1955 addressed to the Regional Commissioner of Benadir by Messrs. Maie Mohamed Iman, Haji Hadad Mohamed Iman, Ali Hussen and others charging that a certain Hajji Abdio Elro who had brought suit against them in the matter of a land dispute failed to appear repeatedly in court. They request that the matter be settled under sharia law without further delay.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

49. T/COM.11/L.194

A. Letter dated 2 October 1955 from Mr. Ali Nur Abdi complaining that he has been unable to settle his claims because the "Italian administration - don't open a Court's because the petitioner's claim is an astonishing prejudice for A.F.I.S."

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The Committee will recall that the Council examined the petitioner's claim concerning the destruction of his property and resulting claims on two previous occasions. During its twelfth session it examined T/PET.11/36 and T/COM.11/L.12 and during its fifteenth session T/PET.11/421. By its resolutions 750 (XII) and 1120 (XV), respectively, it noted and suggested to the petitioner that should he wish to pursue his claims he should address himself to the competent courts.

50. T/COM.11/L.196

A. Telegram dated 9 September 1955 addressed to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs in Rome by the General Secretary of the Unione Difesa della Somalia informing him that the Municipal Commissioner of Mogadiscio, the Regional Commissioner of Benadir and an Italian Adviser to the Administration are not welcome in the Territory. He further requests that the political conduct of the Administration be investigated by a commission and informing him that the "people wish to stage duly authorized full scale demonstration".

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

51. T/COM.11/L.199

A. Letter dated 12 September 1955 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Abdi Asekir Samantar stating that the proposed cotton production contract between the Lower Juba cotton-growers and the Società Romana and others has no validity because the latter have not made the required advance payments or given the growers technical assistance.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

52. T/COM.11/L.209

A. Letter dated 23 September 1955 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by representatives of the Somali Population of the Woodlands and Villagers of the Chisimaio District requesting the issuance of an order prohibiting the indiscriminate felling of trees in certain areas. They express the fear that cattle will be deprived of the necessary shade and that young trees will be destroyed. They add that conservation of forests is essential to preserve the limited water supplies in the area.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

53. T/CCM.11/L.211

A. Letter dated 29 September 1955 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by the General Secretary of the Unione difesa della Somalia expressing concern over the economic situation in Somaliland and suggesting that the school of political administration be abolished.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

54. T/CCM.11/L.212

A. Letter dated 17 September 1955 from Mr. Abdulaziz Sultan Ali Yusuf commenting on the statements made by the special representative of the Administering Authority when his petition (T/PET.11/451) was discussed by the Council at its fifteenth session. He states that the information given by the special representative was not correct as concerns the size of his family and that he requests, therefore, the re-examination of his petition.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. In the petition in question the author complained that as son of the late Sultan of Obbia and Mudugh he was entitled to be pensioned and maintained by the Italian Government. The Administering Authority explained that the members of the late Sultan's family were numerous and only close descendants could be paid honorary allowances and that the petitioner did not qualify for such payments. By its resolution 1138 (XV) the Council drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority.

55. T/CCM.11/L.214

A. Letter dated 6 October 1955 from Mr. Hussein Ahmed Ali containing an almost identical complaint made by the author of the present communication in October of 1954. The complaint concerns the entry by a group of armed Somalis into Mr. Ali's home and the beating of his wife by the same group. In the present communication Mr. Ali adds that although he appealed the decision of Cadi's Court which was in the defendants' favour to the Court of the Three Cadi, he has heard nothing in the matter and he requests a settlement of his case.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. By resolution 1298 (XVI), the Council drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority and its special representative.