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PETITION FROM THE UPARE NATIVE ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 11 September 1951 from the Upare Native Administration concerning the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

UPARE NATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Address of Welcome to the U.N.O. Mission

Sirs,

We have great pleasure in welcoming you, the representatives of U.N.O. to this district of Upare. Our hearts are full of joy for God having brought you safely to Upare to see the district and how we are governed. Your visit to us will also be of benefit to us as it will enable us to tell you what we are thinking.

We feel that we have the right to be proud of the British Government which deserves praise from people eager for progress. In this connection we mention some of the good things which we have gained from the British Government. First we give thanks for the Mass Education scheme which has been going on here for a year and which we hope will continue until all have benefited from it. Secondly, for the education of our children. Thirdly for Agricultural and Water development schemes, which bring profit and benefit to the people. Fourthly for roads linking districts together and promoting trade, and fifthly for laying the foundation of local government.

We have some difficulties which we have put before His Excellency the Governor of Tanganyika, which we think fit also to mention before you, being as you are members of the U.N.O. Mission, in order that you may hasten agreement on these matters by discussion between yourselves and the Government. These difficulties are as follows:

1. In the Ten Year Education Plan many children will leave school after standard 4 while they are still between the ages of 10 and 13, and the elders of this district are afraid that these children, who are incapable of supporting themselves, will become spoilt and a burden to the country, and may even forget all they have been taught; and so Mass Education may have to go on for ever. Neither are we altogether satisfied with the amount of secondary education available and we urge that the regulations of the Ten Year Plan be relaxed in order to allow progressive districts to get more secondary education.
2. Technical College. As there is no doubt in our minds that the aim of our Government and the Governments of the members of U.N.O. is to raise the standard

of living of Tanganyika people by all kinds of means until we are able to take our place alongside other nations of the world, we consider that it is a matter of great importance that we be given this Technical College, which we have mentioned above, in Tanganyika, because to learn only things of the pen and paper is not sufficient to be called progress or civilisation.

3. Constitutional Development, 1951. We thank His Excellency the Governor of Tanganyika for his new plan for the administration of the country in which we understand that it is proposed to give equal representation in Legislative Council to the three races and we urge that this parity of representation be extended to all committees of Government, particularly to the Finance and Education Committees.

We wish you success and Godspeed in your journey. Please give our greetings to all members of U.N.O.

(Signed) William SABUNI

On behalf of the Chairman,
Pare Tribal Council

11th September, 1951
