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**PETITION FROM MR. ISSA YUSUF MEAD CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION**

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 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 30 January 1952 from Mr. Issa Yusuf Mead concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, and forms a second supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.11/129.

The United Nations Advisory Council,
Mogadishu.

Sir,

I am an old man, aged about sixty years and spent the majority of my life in Bur Acab and Ischia Baidoa Districts, and originally, I came to Somalia in the quality of an Italian Soldier who participated various operations in favour of the Italian flag.

I had a retail and wholesale licenses issued to me and my son Mohamed Isse Iussuf in Ischia Baidoa. My shop was situated in Ischia Baidoa and the Shop kept by my son was situate in Mohamudde village in the District of Bura Acaba.

On the 18th. day of April 1950, when my property had been reported of having been illegally looted in Bur Acab District and exactly in Mohamudo village, I was in Ischia Baidoa Police Station reporting the looting, that occurred in Mohamudde village, when the District Commissioner Dr. Grazi accompanied with the following Chiefs approached and called me to accompany him and I did so. Before his companions the D.C. informed me that the contents of my Shop and house and grain reservius were completely looted. He had shown me the exhibits which I identified as my property. He informed me that he had already arrested the offenders amounting in number 13 persons who had confessed of having looted my property and who had mentioned others 24 persons being accessories in committing the lootings. When the said 13 offenders shown to me I identified them to be my neighbours. The D.C. then informed me to wait the result of the case, as he had referred the entire case to the Provincial Commissioner. He adviced me that I will gain back my own property and the Offenders will be dealt with in accordance with law. He instructed me report to him daily and I did so:

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| 1. Sheikhei Mohamed Mah | Chief of Rer Sheikh Mumin |
| 2. Haji Mahad | id. |
| 3. Mohamed Ali Uene | Chief of Elai |
| 4. Said Uarsame | |
| 5. Amin Bale | Chief of Elai. |

Three days later the D.C. Bur Acaba called me and informed me that a trouble occurred in Ischia Baidoa and that the property I had there had also looted. He forcibly put me on a truck to Mogadiscio on my own expensives, and frankly told me that I will be killed if stayed in Bur Acaba.

Sometimes latter I returned to Ischia Baidoa and Bur Acaba and the damage I sustained being Totale Shs. 78258/50. My Brother Scire Iussuf Mead who had died after the looting also suffer a looting amounted in Totals. Shs 39852/50.

The Cultivations land and some of my dwelling house are still to be found in the hands of the persons looted them.

I can produce the following witnesses or more if required that I was a well known richman and no one of the persons looted had lost the same amount looted from me:

1. Yussuf Musse
2. Omar Hindi
3. Osman Haji
4. Mohamed Dere
5. Nur Gurrei
6. Mohamud Omar
7. Hasbi Mohamed
8. Capo Abdi Isse (Chief)
9. Ali Hassan
10. Osman Musse Arale
11. Mohamed Iaro
12. Warsame Deri

If there is any reasonable law the looting of his property and that of his brother are well known in those District and need further investigation.

As decided in the meeting that took place in Mogadiscio for the benefits of the persons looted, which the Italian Administration and the United Nations Advisory Council and the public had taken part, the Administration had promised to help the persons looted and to grant the as well permissions which will enable them to bring Goods from the foreign. I was instructed to forward an applications for the Goods he wishes to import and made out an application of 21 Copies, but absolutely gain nothing.

/The Administration

The Administration had satisfied certain persons, but I was not satisfied, and was not involved with the persons to whom the Administration had organised the Committee.

I had forwarded many application from which I gained no legal reply. After the looting about 9 persons of mine were died for starvations.

I therefore shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind enough as to grante me your legal aid regaring this case.

Your Most Obediente

Isse Yussuf Mead
(signed in Arabic)

30.1.52

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council at Mogadiscio on
31 January 1952.

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