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PETITION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE "UNIONE AFRICANA",
BULO BURTI AND FORTY-SIX OTHERS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 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 Government of Colombia, Egypt and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, an undated communication from the secretary of the "Unione Africana", Bulo Burti and forty-six others concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

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

Most honourable Visiting Mission of the United Nations, Bulo Burti

We the undersigned, chiefs, notables and holy fathers of the Baddiaddo, Auadle, Galgial, Ayerghidir and Scecal tribes, representing the majority of the Somali people and the Bulo Burti section of the Unione Africana, wish in this letter to welcome you to our beloved country.

It is our first duty to thank you for choosing Italy as trusteeship Administrator. There is no doubt that Italy will accomplish the task it has undertaken of leading us to self-government.

In charging Italy with the trusteeship administration of Somaliland, the United Nations fulfilled our wholehearted desire. We wanted to be once again entrusted to Italy, for her government in past years has been beyond reproach.

In spite of being under fascist rule for 20 years, Italy helped us continually. Under Italian administration our beloved Somaliland will certainly reach the level of civilization that you exact before granting self-government.

We are a people lacking education and with no industrial resources at all; we lack all the things necessary for a civilized people. With goodwill and at considerable sacrifice Italy will do her best to give us everything we lack and by her truly democratic example will lead us towards full freedom and independence.

The Italian (colonial) government did a great deal for Somaliland. It established all our public utilities: roads, schools, hospitals and so on. Again, with the trusteeship administration Italy has been doing a great deal in many fields, particularly in that of education.

In Somaliland there are political parties which oppose Italy. Their point of view is based upon a foolish desire for premature self-government, for their own ends and not for the sake of Somaliland. For the most part they belong to that category of people which, thanks to Italy, is more cultivated and seems more capable of self-government. Perhaps because we are more backward, we do not share their opinion. We think that many more years must pass before we are able to govern ourselves democratically.

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Since Italy's return, all of us, including those who are not willing to admit it, enjoy a new regime based on principles of complete justice and equality.

Upon her return to Somaliland, chosen by the United Nations to govern our people, Italy did not forget those who had served under her flag, even though she was defeated in the last world war. For more than one year Italy has been paying ex-servicemen their arrears of pay. This represents a sacrifice which one cannot fail to recognize and for which we are sincerely grateful.

During the ten years of British Administration, many poor ex-servicemen withdrew from society, for one reason or another, to lead a wretched life in the bush. Upon Italy's return, they presented themselves to their respective Residents. Some of them have already been paid and the others soon will be.

We, the Somali people, still have a long way to go before we are able to govern ourselves. Italy is helping us and the United Nations should also assist us by establishing industries that we ourselves cannot afford. We, in all good faith, will see that they prosper.

Those of us who are well disposed put our trust in Italy and the United Nations. May this confidence never be lost. Help us with our greatest needs, so that we shall be able to join your great organization at a not too distant date.

Since you have come to Somaliland to inspect the territory, you will be able to see for yourselves that what we say is true and that we are perfectly content with the AFIS and its representatives.

In conclusion, we hail the United Nations, a strong and free Somaliland, and our foster-mother, Italy.

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3. Magalle Mohamed-Badiaddo
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6. Salad Uarsama "
7. Abdi Ussen "
8. Nur Soek

8. Nur Scek Badiaddo
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11. Assan Ali-Auadle
12. Aden Nur Auadle
13. Surie Yusuf
14. Auale Osman
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17. Agi Ussen Gulet
18. Scek Scirrave Fid- Auadle
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The Secretary of the UNIONE AFRICANA of
Bulo Burti (Aden Abdi Alim)

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