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PETITION FROM MR. ISMAIL FARA ISSA 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 Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 4 October 1951 from Mr. Ismail Fara Issa 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.

THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION,
MOGADISHU.

Sir,

I the undersigned Ismail Fara Isse cabila Issa Mohamud, aged 70 years, ex Buloc Basci, of Bondoro, and C/O. Chief Musso Mohamud, humbly and respectfully have the honour to state as follows:

I joined the Italian Army 28 January 1911, and continually was in the service until the year of 1941, when the Italian Government had avocuated Somalia, without being regularly discharged, and was still a Soldier until the arrival of the Italian Administration in Somalia about 1950, and exactly when the Administration had issued to ex-military the "FOGLIO DICENSIMENTO". I should say that I served the Italian Government a period of 42 years. I participated the Libia Campagn, Magartonia Campagn, Barsamo Campagn, El Hagl Campagn, Etiopia Campagn, and the last great war. I sustained wounds in action four times. I was decorated with the following medals:

2 Medals "Merito di Guerra"

3 " " "Compagne"

2 Long service medals

During the period in which I was engaged in the Army, a barrack consisting of 6 rooms which was situated in Bondare village was burned by enemy air raid. I was promised the recompensation but unfortunately the Government had evacuated Somalia.

On arrival of the present Administration I reported myself as being of the ex-Soldiers and requested to be granted wounds pension, long service and the replacement of my barrack, but the reply I received being that I was an S.Y.L. and not entitled any rights. I was complaining for the past a year, and had submitted three applications but absolutely gained nothing.

Therefore, I shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind enough as to grant me your legal aid, regarding the payment of my rights. 4.10.5

Ismail Fara Issa (sgd.)
