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PETITION FROM MR. HAJI ABDALLA HUSSEN CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Bardera, 13/9/1953

TO ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
for the Territory of Somaliland

MOGADISCIO

I, the undersigned Haji Abdullahi Hussen, living near Bardera, am sending you this letter to let you know conditions in this country. They are very bad because we cannot have freedom. I beg to let you know that if it goes on like this until the end of the year all Bardera people will be dead, either of starvation or of grief on account of ill treatment by the Administration.

I represent ten tribes, and I must write about their sorrows. I also know well the number of all these people: they are 156,415, all men and women, and all uncared for by the Administration; I too have had no pay from the Administration. I inform you that we received your letters,^{1/} but we did not understand them, as we do not know English; if we want to see someone who knows English, the local District Commissioner sends him away on duty. We would be grateful if you would write us in Arabic.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The letters referred to are those sent in connexion with previous petitions, T/PET.11/357 (Resolution 746 (XII)), 360, 367, 372, 374.

I inform you that our people living in the bush are poor, because their cattle was killed by hyenas and lions, and we cannot kill them, because he who kills a wild beast is imprisoned for two years. I also inform you that we are without medicaments. Please see to our rights as human beings because we are dying of starvation and without medicaments.

We thank you in advance and beg to remain, with kindest regards,

HAJI ABDULLAHI HUSSEN
Chief of 10 tribes