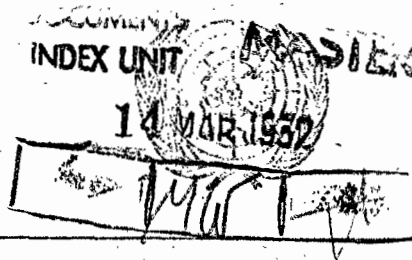


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PETITION FROM THE ARAB COMMUNITY OF KISMAYO
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 25 September 1951 from the Arab Community of Kismayo 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.

Kismayu

25 September 1951

To: The United Nations Visiting Mission

From: The distressed Salih Ard bin Shakir and five others

We, the Arabs of this country, are writing to let you know what the Somali did to us. When the Italian Government entered this country, the Somalis arose against us, plundered our properties and burned our homes. We are suffering from these tyrannies, which still threaten us. The Italian Government has been informed about these things and witnessed them itself. We frequently requested that the Italian Government compensate our losses from these raids, but up to the present time it has not helped us in any way. Now we are in a pitiful condition. The ruins of our homes are here as witness to what has befallen us due to the plundering. The women and children are enduring hunger and grief. We are still waiting for someone to have pity on us and to compensate our losses because we are in need of help.

We beg you to inform the Council of our situation in order that our condition be taken into consideration.

Our hope in you is great and we hope you will answer as soon as possible.

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