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PETITION FROM THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, BRANCH OF DAFET
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 Phillippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 27 September 1951 from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Dafet 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.

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We are oppressed by the Italian authority in many ways. One of these is the failure to implement any of the stipulations of the agreements. The building now under construction, a school, was started only after they learned of your visit to Mogadiscio. There is discrimination between whites and blacks in regard to wages and jobs. A white soldier has a house with water and light, but a Somali soldier receives a low monthly wage and pays for his rent, water and the upkeep of his house. There is legal discrimination in favour of whites in regard to human rights. The white man travels to and from his house by car, while the black man walks.

Please see that our rights as Somalis are observed.

(Signed) Somali Youth League
