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PETITION FROM MR. FARAH MOHAMED OSMAN AND 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 Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 30 September 1951 from Mr. Farah Mohamed Osman and 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.

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Mogadishu, 30th September 1951

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To the VISITING MISSION of
the UNITED NATIONS' TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL,
MOGADISHU.

Sir,

We the undersigned Somalis, for our own account and on behalf of our colleagues, have the honour to state that we were Police Inspectors in the time of British Administration to Somalia and were passed to the Italian Administration on the time of hand over of Somalia for the trusteeship administration. The Italian Administration discharged us from the service without any reason whatever. Our colleague ex Inspector Farah Mohamed Osman has not been able to visit his family living at Gardo for eight months because he came to know that the Colonel of police gave order for arrest of the ex Inspector if and when found gone to the family. The cause of discharge of the ex Inspector Farah Mohamed was that a Captain of Police one Ariole said to the then Inspector Farah Mohamed to fetch him a woman, the then Inspector Farah Mohamed replied that he was not in position of fetching women for obscene purposes because he the then Inspector was a man of integrity and of religion, and not a bawd go-between, the Captain said to the then Inspector that if he the then Inspector was not going to fetch a woman he the Captain would write to the Colonel of Police for discharge of the Inspector from the service. Thereafter the Colonel of Police said to the then Inspector Farah Mohamed that he the Colonel was going to discharge the Inspector from the service because he the then Inspector did not take side of being pro-Italy and so the then Inspector was discharged from the service. One of the ex Inspectors who is Adan Abdi Ali was discharged from the service on account of similar cause of the ex Inspector Farah Mohamed, and was told that if he would remain in Somalia he would be killed so he has been compelled to take shelter in Ethiopia. The family of the ex Inspector Adan Abdi Ali is remained to suffer here in Somalia. All the discharged

/Inspectors are

Inspectors are not in position even of taking a little walk in the town because they are persecuted by the Italian Police Authority. Even the ex Inspector Farah Sugulle, who is now working with the British Consulate, is likely persecuted and does not enjoy tranquill life. We are living in Somalia, exactly Farah Mohamed Osman at Mogadiscio, Jama Aden Mahamud at Mogadishu, Mohamed Ali Abdulla at Mogadishu, Ahmed Shirre Farah at Jelib Juba, and Abdulla Mohamed Ali at Galkayo, and all of us are like prisoners and have no enjoyment of tranquillity.

We are people trained by the British Administration, and the Italian Administration discharged us from the service because it noted that we were very fit to our jobs and that we would be useful to contribute in the progresso of our country.

We are hereby lodging complaint with Your Honour and with the United Nations against the wrongful steps taken by the Italian Administration against us and consequently against our country to which our service would be useful and helpful for the progress in the field of Police service and therefore we beg Your Honour to get us reinstated in our employment granting us tranquillity and peace and protecting us against further wrongs and ill-treatment. We are confident that Your Honour will look us with eye of humanity and will consider our case with spirit of justice.

Trusting upon your kind consideration and thanking you in advance for what you will do in our favour, we beg Your Honour for an early reply and are

Your obedient servants

(Signed) FARAH MOHAMED OSMAN

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