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PETITION FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF ALULA  
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 the Representatives of the People of Alula 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.

9/30/51

We are the inhabitants of Alula and its districts.

We submit our complaints to the United Nations Visiting Mission and ask it to investigate the conditions existing under Trusteeship.

(1) The Trusteeship Administration is not carrying out any of the conditions of the agreements accepted from the United Nations, but is reverting to its previous policy.

(2) The Trusteeship is treating us in a very inhuman manner, not even practised in the time of Pharaoh, killing, imprisoning, exiling and creating religious antagonisms. This is due to our request for progress and independence.

(3) The Administration threatened the death of thirty-three persons in Mogadishu on 11 January....

(4) We submitted a list of the most serious and vicious maltreatments received from the Trusteeship Administration to the resident authority at Mogadishu. Most of the people of Alula and its districts boarded three ships to escape the cruelties of the Administration and while wandering about we beg for your protection. If we do not contact you or receive an answer on your arrival at Mogadishu, we will not return to our homes, nor remain here, but will continue to wander till we find peace or until God decides otherwise for us or till a change takes place in our country. All that remains of the population of Alula is the orphans, widows and the aged.

(5) The Italian Administration passed a law that no boat shall sail from any port without flying the Italian flag.

In conclusion we ask from you prompt action and help, and if you do not act and listen to our complaints, God will act as judge between us on Judgement Day.

Signed: the representatives of the  
people of Alula and its  
districts.

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