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PETITION FROM THE LEGA PROGRESSISTA SOMALA
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 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 12 December 1952 from the Lega Progressista Somala concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

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LEGA PROGRESSISTA SOMALA

Galcaio, 12.12.52

The Presidente,
United Nations Advisory Council of Somalia
M O G A D I S C I O

Your Excellency,

Your journey to this Mudugh province enabled us to understand how far you interest Somalia and its population, we therefore, express our congratulation with salaam to your excellency for interesting the prosperity of our country. Undoubtedly your task will leave a memory in the history of somalia. Evidently, praised your sincerity and the duties executed by you during the period you had stayed in Somalia, which is essential for the progress of this country. Thus we pray almighty god to grant you an everlasting life.

We further refer the following paragraphs, to your kind consideration and assistance please:-

1. Our grassing land and water holes had been adjoined to Ethiopian Somaliland, and so rather distressed of losing a useful part of our country. As you know we had protested against that to the United Nations, but no action had been taken yet. We shall, therefore, be much grateful if we could gain back our grassing land and water holes, by removing the present limited boundary to its former place.

2. Health progressed now in this zone. Only a medical Officer is needed in the district of Obbia, where there is much population and administered by a Resident. The only native dresser who is there isn't fit to satisfy the demands of the people. Therefore, request your honour to recommend the Administering Authority to spare us a doctor for the said district.

3. This year the locust had spreaded throughout Mudugh Province and had caused a terrible damage to grassing plants and cultivations, and no production was gained. The operation against the locust was unsatisfactorily this year, we therefore request your honour to recommend the Administering Authority to improve the operation against the said locust.

We farther report that the education was much progressed in this zone and actually was increased. Water was facilitated this year and the condition

of the people was improved, and yet the Administration had prepared a programme for digging more wells in this province.

We have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Secretary on behalf of L.P.S.

(Sgd.) Mohamed Yusuf Duh

Received by United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 6 January 1953.
