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PETITION FROM MR. ISMAIL NUR SHIRMARKE 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 4 October 1951 from Mr. Ismail Nur Shirmarke 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.

THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION,

M O G A D I S H U.

Sir,

I, the undersigned Ex Usbaschi, **Fitauarari** Ismail Nur Shirmarke Disso, living in the neighbourhood of Abdulkadir Mosque Hamaruon (Scuraran), humbly and respectfully have the honour to state as follows:

I served the Italian Government for the past 41 years, during which, I participated the Libia Compagn, First Great War, Majotein Campagn, Ethiopia compagn, and the last great War. I was seriously wounded in action whilst fighting in Af-Gah-Gah and Zelakh-Lakha on 25 December 1935, and again whilst fighting in Gial-Qa and Indo-Goba (Ethiopia) on 18/19 May 1941. I was decorated with the following medals:- 3 Argents, 3 Bronze, 4 Crece di Guerra, 1 Ricordo a Compagne di Libia, 1 a ricorda di Compagna in Africa. I was abandoned by the Italian Governmente whilst in Hospital suffering from **last** wounds, and as shown in my identity card, about 36000 of Italian Liras was looted from him by the British and Ethiopian troops occupied Gondor.

Last year I contracted Mr. Brusasca in Eritrea and whilst explained my difficulties to him, he referred my case to the Italian Consulate who ordered me to proceed to Somalia, where I will get my rights. I was transported to Somalia on Government expenses. Since then I was here in Mogadishy awaiting to obtain my entitlements, but unfortunately gained nothing. I was submitted two applications to both General Ferrara, and Mr. Benardelli, but gained no reply. I was expecting to gain long service pension, Wounds pension, light job, and repayment given to all ex Italian Soldiers, but was threatened by complex acts.

On Mr. Brusasca's recent visit to Somalia, I contracted him again, whilst accompanying Mr. Fernari and after communicated with him, he referred my case to Mr. Fernari, who immediately promised me to satisfy me, but unfortunately being unable to see him.

Therefore, I shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind enough as to consider my case regarding the payment of my entitlements.

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For doing the said favour I shall ever remain grateful and pray almighty
God to long your life and prosperity.

4.10.51

Ex Usbaschi, Fituarari Ismail Nur Shirmarke

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