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PETITION FROM CHIEF HUSSEN MOHAMUD DINI
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United
Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory
of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

Bardera, 25 April 1953

To:- ADVISORY COUNCIL of the United Nations
MOGADISCIO.

The undersigned paid Chief, Hussen Mohamud Dini and others of this
territory, wish to state:

Our territory has been ruined by the authority of the Residents of
Bardera and Lugh Ferrandi because we have no freedom. Many Somalis have been
placed in prison, without sentence, up to one year. Conditions are such that we
cannot send you a telegram or even a letter because if the Resident hears of it,
he forthwith puts us in prison.

We are denied our freedom; measures must be taken to alleviate this
painful situation. We have many sorrows; it is like past times, in 1931.
Labourers are even worse off now. If the Administration, the Resident of Lugh
or the Resident of Bardera hears of this letter of ours, we are forthwith
placed in prison and our wages are suspended.

Thank you.

Chief Hussen Mohamud Dini
Chief of Ghedo
including the population