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PETITION FROM MR. SALAH MOHAMED ABOCAR CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplemental 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 22 September 1951 from Mr. Salah Mohamed Abocar 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 U.N.O. VISITING MISSION

MOGADISHU

I the undersigned ex Soldier Salah Mohamed Abocar, Somali by birth of Campo Amara, humbly and respectfully have the honour to lay the following lines before your kind consideration please:

I am an old soldier, enlisted in the Town of Alula to serve in the Italian Army on or about the year 1926. I completed in the services for 26 years, including the period between 1941 and 1950. I participated in Majertein Operation, Ethiopian Operation, and the last great War. In the said Ethiopian Operation and the last great War, I, both sustained wounds in the field of combatments. In 1936, I was transferred to Ethiopia as instructures, and at the end of the last great war I was in Carin Asmara with the 56th. Battallione, where I was captured by the enemy as prisoner of war, and all my belonging were taken away by the occupation troops. The uniforms we heard were all burned. About 27,000 of Italian liras, which I saved in the Bank of Napoli wasn't given back to me. On my returned to Somalia I found my wife who abandoned by me in 1938, had been legally divorced during my absence, and had produced a number of children to another man who actually married her. On arrival of the Italian Administration, I requested to gain the repayment (Arretrata), but was simply considered of non being of Somalia forces and so the Administration refused to repay me. I spent Shs. 10/45 for writing an application to the Secretary General Mr. Gorin, who on recieving my application failed to reply me. Several daysllater, I personally went before him, producing the copy of my application and requested him to reply me. The reply I gained was that I am was mad in asking him the repayment, because he had no money. Every office beling to the Italian Administration is blocked by soldiers, watching in order not to grant any civilian to enter. I then decided to request job, and whilst offered myself to be enlisted, I was chased away and was told that I am Majertein by birth.

I suffered, and starved lot in deffending the Italian flag, and had lost all my belongings.

Therefore, I shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind as to consider my case and to grant my your legal aid.

Your Most Obedient.

(Signed) SALAH MOHAMED

Mogadishu. 22.9.51.