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PETITION FROM MR. SCHECK OMAR BIN MOHAMED
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 28 December 1952 from Mr. Scheck Omar Bin Mohamed 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.

This communication forms a supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.11/325.

To:- The Advisory Council of the United Nations
in Somaliland

Mogadiscio

I the undersigned Arab, Sheck Omar Mohamed Ahmed^{1/}, Ammari, living in Bondere Village, following my statement dated 10 November 1952 addressed to this hon. Council, beg to set out once more the action of iniquity and oppression perpetrated to the prejudice of myself by the Italian Judge of Somaliland.

The goods, which were exclusively my property, and which the British Authorities had sequestered and handed over in due course to the Italian Judge of Somaliland in 1947, are the following:-

- 3 bales of dried skins - 24 "corgie"
- 3 " of incense
- 2 " of myrrh
- 1 " Zanzibar tobacco

valued at the time So. 2.500 and now worth twice as much; in addition expenses incurred by me amount to So. 1.500, thus amounting in total to So. 4000.

The goods were handed over by the Italian Judge of Somaliland to an Italian, brother of a lady employed by Col. Rigal and by the Mogadiscio District Commissioner, the British Officer Fulten, who claimed to be creditor of a certain Sherif Abò Omar - Asheraf - who had no rights or privileges over my goods. In short, my property was unjustly handed over to that Italian, and this I regard as a robbery.

The Khadi of Mogadiscio, and subsequently the "Sharaitic" Court of Mogadiscio confirmed that the goods were my own property and that the Italian Judicial Authority was in the wrong. The Chief Khadi of Somaliland, Sheck Abubaker Abdullahi, is also aware of it, and expressed his opinion stating that the Italian had unlawfully and illegally received the above-mentioned goods from the Italian Judge of Somaliland.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: In his previous communication on this subject, the petitioner identified himself as Sheck Omar Bin Mohamed.

Therefore I request the Advisory Council's good offices to enable me to recover what rightfully belongs to me as well as compensation for damages suffered through the Italian Judicial Authority of Somaliland, in spite of the fact that I continually made protests and claimed justice from that Administration, without any satisfactory results.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain
respectfully yours

The petitioner
(fingerprint)

Mogadiscio, 28 December 1952
