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PETITION FROM CHIEFS, NOTABLES AND SANTONI
OF THE DAROT AND AVERGHIDIR TRIBES CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To: H.E. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SOMALIA
U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL

for information:

A.F.I.S. -Internal Affairs Director - Mogadiscio

We the undersigned Chiefs, Notables, Santoni of the Darot and Averghidir Tribes, and representatives of political parties under the administration of the Regional Commissioner of Mudugh, bring to your attention that in many meetings, we have decided to ask your Excellency to hand over, as before, the competency of the Regional Judge to the political Authority that is to say to the Regional Commissioner, and that the presidency of the Regional Tribunal be left to the Regional Commissioner for the following reasons:

- (1) - The political Authority knows well the habits of the people and knows that for certain matters a trial is not necessary, as they can be solved in other ways.
- (2) - Many matters which now give rise to proceedings, suffer from the lack of intervention by chiefs who could solve them according to the traditional customs (Testur) of the people of Mudugh, which they do not ignore as their own customs.

- (3) - As the Judge does not know these people, they may give false testimony at a trial (and that already happened many times). On the contrary that would not be possible with the political Authority, who knows them and cannot be deceived.
- (4) - People of Mudugh are different from other Somali and that is why the administration of justice should not be separated from the local Authority: in fact Somali people are not ready to be judged by a regional judge.

In conclusion of the abovementioned, we request Your Excellency to give consideration to our present demand as it is not to our advantage to have a Regional Judge. It is necessary for the good of the people that, as before, the jurisdiction of the Regional Judge be handed over to the Regional Commissioner, who should also preside over the Regional Tribunal.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours obedient servants

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