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PETITION FROM MR. GULED GARAD ABDI AND OTHERS CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United  
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To: United Nations Trusteeship Council MOGADISCIO  
Territorial Council of Somalia MOGADISCIO  
Provincial Commissioner of Benadir MOGADISCIO

The undersigned Somalis, belonging to Garre Tribe, in the territory of  
Recaile-Garre (Barire) take the liberty to set out the following:

During Italian occupation of Somalia, all members of the tribe were  
sent as labourers in the Genale farms, and were forced to abandon their  
shambas situated in Recaile. These shambas were arbitrarily occupied  
since then by Abagibil tribesmen of Barire, and more exactly by the  
Headman, Maio Omar. The danger of colonization having disappeared, the  
undersigned went back to Recaile, but were unable to get back the land they  
formerly owned, for it was occupied by Abagibil.

Up to date, many applications have been made, both to British, during  
their occupation, and to the Italian Administration, but without results.  
At the latest petition sent to the District Commissioner, Afgoi, they were  
summoned by the District Commissioner who told them to apply to the  
Khadi, Audegle, to settle the matter according to sharaitic law.

The Khadi refused until now to come to an agreement, and even to listen to their complaints and to hear their Uakil (lawyer).

Since it is clear that the signatories of this petition can obtain justice only through the good offices of either the Trusteeship Council, or the Territorial Council or the Trusteeship Administration, they invite the above-mentioned organs to take action and see that the question, which threatens to become critical, with possible unforeseeable consequences, be settled.

Trusting in a benevolent concern,

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Maio Abuker Mahadi  
Mudei Asseno Mohamed  
Abdullai Mohamed Abo  
Scekh Osman Iero'  
Maio' Eden Abdio'  
Abdio' Eden Uin

Farah Hassan Abdio'  
Abdulkader Shekh Jama  
Ali Omar Abo'  
Shekh Alio' Osman  
Dauei Eden Jero'  
Mudei Abdi Alsame  
Shekh Omar Ahmed

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