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PETITION FROM MR. AHMAD MOHAMMED 'AID AFRAJ CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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East Africa.

From: Ahmad Mohammed 'Aid Afraj, Eil, Italian Somaliland.

To: the members of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Somaliland

I wish to present this petition and complaint of ill-treatment by the
Italian Administration, i.e. the Residente at Eil, Mr. Di Vito, who is here
at present.

This Residente sent for me on 20 July 1952 and told me he could put
me in prison. I said he could not do so as I had done nothing wrong: I
was not a thief, a murderer or a maligner of anyone. But he said he would
show me and told me to go gaol without further ado. I did so and remained
there for six months and ten days, without sentence and all at my own expense.

I now implore you to have justice done to me.

Secondly, I would inform you that I am a merchant at Eil. Throughout
that period my store was locked up, just as I was, and I suffered a loss
amounting to 4,000 somalos. Now I have nothing and no one will give me work,
as he is my enemy. I shall soon die of hunger.

I have now brought my case to you who are the defenders of human rights.
Please give me a satisfactory reply.

(Signed) Ahmad Mohammed 'Aid Afraj
Resident in Eil

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