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PETITION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS SUB-TRIBES OF THE MUROSADA  
 TRIBES CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United  
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Mogadiscio 13 April 1955

TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL,  
MOGADISCIO

We the undersigned the chief representatives of the four Rer known as  
 RER FAGHI HALANE, RER IEBER KANIARE, RER ELI GAB and RER OMAR ISHIGUIAK, of the  
 Murosada tribe, living within the jurisdiction of the District of Mogadiscio,  
 have thought it desirable to submit the following to the United Nations Advisory  
 Council:

Over a year ago the above-mentioned Rer rightly protested against the  
 behavior of Ali Hassan, the chief of the tribe, and made various statements to  
 the local Authorities on the following dates:

On 9 February 1954 a statement made to the Mogadiscio District Officer, on  
 27 March a second statement to the same District Officer, on 26 August a  
 statement addressed to H.E. the Administrator of Somaliland and another to the  
 Department of Internal Affairs - all these statements contained protests and  
 complaints about the tribal chief Ali Hassan - to the effect that the tribe  
 refused to acknowledge his authority as chief; no replies have been received  
 to the said statements.

The District Officer rejected our requests for the appointment of another tribal chief freely and democratically elected, and wishes to force the tribe to submit to the authority of the undesirable chief Ali Assan, who during his term of office as chief has failed to carry out his duties and has betrayed the tribe, and therefore the above-mentioned Rer, which form the larger part of the tribe, ask that the chief Ali Assan should be deprived of his functions. We have asked the Authorities that a meeting of the tribe should be called so that the voice of the majority may be heard.

For the above reasons we are obliged to appeal to the Advisory Council to arrange for the fair and democratic election of a new chief for the four above-mentioned Rer.

Confident that our plea will be heard by the Advisory Council.

Signed: Siat Mahamud, Ilaho Absughe, Ahmed Halane, Hassan Ahmed, Scire Mohamed, Addave Ossoble, Ali Gadid, Amer Dirsce, Ussen Ahmed, Hassan Uhelie, Aret Ghesei, Ali Addave, Abdulle Oluso, Nur Giodah, Abdi Hassan, Mahamud Ibrahim, Mohamed Ahmed, Salad Omar, Ali Gilalo, Mohamed Gilao, Hassan Ussen, Ahmed Ali, Mohamed Barise, Ali Ahmed, Mohamed Said Hagi, Gaftin Hassan Gidah, Abucar Gidah, Omar Ghedi, Ali Hassan Adero.

(Fingerprints and Arabic signatures)

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