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PETITION FROM SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, BRANCH OF GARDO CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To the United Nations Advisory Council, Mogadiscio COPY to the Administrator, Mogadiscio

Compliments

We wish to present our strong protests and complaints against the Commissioner of Midjertein for the following reasons.

- 1. When he summons people for a certain rason he does so on the basis of the tribal system as was done in the prehistoric age. This is contrary to law and civilization.
- 2. He does not treat us on the basis of justice and equality but deals with tribes and parties and opposes our freedom and independence.
- 3. He opposes our party and orders his residents not to listen to what we have to say and not to give us satisfactory answers to our complaints and requests.
- 4. Since his appointment to our area he has done nothing to benefit the people of the country although he tells the people that he has drawn much money for the area. We have seen no result of that assistance.
- 5. He does not behave as a Commissioner but works mainly for creating dissensions amongst Somalis. We believe that Government has ordered him to do these bad acts because he could not do all this vice if he had no orders from government. He could not have done these things prior to 1953 when government's policy was different from what it is at present.

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- 6. We see Somalis participate in government at present in all parts of Somalia with the exception of Midjertein. This proves to us that the policy implemented in our area is drawn by government. We request the Administering Authority to remove this fascist who has ruined our area.
- 7. Education institutions are about to close their doors in accordance with the policy of the Administering Authority.

(Sign.) The Somali Youth League
Branch of Gardo

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