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PETITION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RER YONIS OMAR TRIBE CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council)

Note by the Secretariat: This communication was
transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United
Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory
of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

UNO Advisory Council, Mogadishu

Galkayu, 20th September 1955

Dear Sir,

The representatives of Rer Yonis Omar Tribe submit their humble petition to you to make known their grives and difficults sustained through an order issued by the Provincial Commissioner on the 23rd of august 55, prohibiting to hold their nominated SCIR or Census-meeting, which by a degree of law it has been authorised for Rer Yonis Omar tribe to make up a SCIR on 23rd of august 55 at Beira few miles away in the north of Galkayu township.

The petitioners state that on the 5th of august 55, Galkayu District Commissioner publicly made known that the turn of Rer Yonis Omar Tribe's Scir should date on 23rd of august 55, from 800 to 1800 hrs. rendezvous place at Beira, whereat the Commitato sorveglianza, checking and estimating the peoples should reach there to be in service on the above named date. Rer Yonis Omar, been a nomadic Race with live stocks and living in different localities throughout the Mudugh province had gathered in Beira between 5th and 22nd of august 55. On the said 23rd while waiting the commitato sorveglianza, official counters, the Prov. Commissioner informed that Rer Yonis Omar could not hold a Scir. Certain representatives were sent to the P. Commissioner begging him to

repermit their Scir since the whole peoples of Yonis Omar are preparedly waiting for Commitato sorveglianza at Beira and that a large expenditure has already incurred in Rations and other necessities, while any other future scir would entail a similar expenditure. But the Provincial Commissioner insisted in his previous orders.

Having failed to meet an affirmative dicission by the local authority with respect to our SCIR, two Telegrammes were sent to the Chief Administrator, Mogadishu asking for retrieve but no replies to these two communications have been received from the Chief Adm. Now, having failed to find any justifiable dicission on the part of the Administering authority and that our Scir was disbanded with no defect of ours, we beg the mercies of the UNO to protect us out of this difficult, and to indemnify the expenditure incurred in: rations and transportation of peoples which which expenditure is estimated

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143 goats	"	<u>5370.00</u>
		12952.

Hope to hear the favour of your reply at an early date.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours most obedient servants:

Sqd. on behalf of Rer Yonis Omar tribe

Ghelle Dirie Osman

Giama Mohamud Mohamed

Mohamud Mohamed Arabei

Mohamed Aden Hersi [signed in Arabic]

Aden Dirie Osman

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Documents attached:

- I. D.C.'s Letter, authorizing our scir
- II. A copy of telegramme addressed to H.E. Chief Adm., Mog.
- III. Another Tel. to H.E. the Chief Adm., Mog.

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THE ITALIAN TRUSTEESHIP ADMINISTRATION OF SOMALILAND

DISTRICT OF GALCAIO

Having regard to Ordinance No. 5 of 30 March 1955 governing the procedure for the election of District Councils;

Having regard to Ordinance No. 6 of 31 March 1955 governing the election of the Territorial Council;

WHEREAS, under articles 4 and 7 of Ordinance No. 5, it is the duty of the District Commissioner to issue an order setting the date on which the shirs are to be convened and appointing the supervisory committee for each group of the population which is to hold a shir;

HAVING HEARD the view of representatives of the Ionis Omar tribe that the shir should be held;

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) It has been decided that the Ionis Omar tribe shall hold shirs in the Beira locality from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 23 August 1955;
- (2) The following have been appointed members of the supervisory committee:

(1) Mohamed Aden Hersi	Omar Mohamud Ionis Omar
(2) Aden Dirie Osman	" "
(3) Giama Mohamud Ahmed	" "
(4) Abdurahman Said Osman	Arab Meheri
(5) Hersi Giama Aianle	Rer Bidiahan

Galcaio, 5 August 1955

(Signed) Daher Hajji

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

To: United Nations, Mogadiscio

His Excellency the Chief Administrator of Somaliland, Mogadiscio
For information: Department of Internal Affairs, Mogadiscio

On behalf Yonis Omar tribe we inform Your Excellency, in connexion with the agreement reached with the authorities that the SHIR should be held on 23 August 1955, that after heavy expenditure had been incurred to enable our fellow-tribesmen to attend the Regional Commissioner suspended the SHIR without good reason and the people still await shir stop Request interview on the subject.

Signed: Aden Dirie, Mohamed Aden,

(Signed in Arabic)

Giama Mohamud, Ghelle Dirie Osman

23 August 1955

His Excellency the Chief Administrator of Somaliland, Mogadiscio

For information: Department of Internal Affairs, Mogadiscio

Further to telegram of 23 August 1955 we inform you on behalf Yonis Omar that more than 146 participating fellow-tribesmen came to Beira locality stop Shir in question convened with assent of local authority pursuant order setting 23 August as date for shir stop Local authority suspended shir without warning stop Fellow-tribesmen awaited arrival authority supervisory committee till 4 p.m. stop Outlay incurred under local custom exceeds 6,782 somalos and 143 goats stop Intervention Your Excellency is essential stop Should be grateful courtesy interview stop Signed: Ghelle Dirie Osman, Mohame Aden Hersi, Mohamud Mohamed, Giama Mohamud, Aden Dirie Osman.

To: United Nations ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Signed) Ghelle Dirie Osman

Giama Mahamud

Mohamud Mohamed

and 2 Arabic signatures
