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PETITION FROM MR. SHARIF OSMAN IMAN CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting  
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To: Mr. Max H. Dorsinville, the president of the  
visiting mission of the United Nations to the  
Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian  
administration.

I tell you the truth, all the truth, nothing but the truth; and I beg your  
mission in her quality the eye and the ear of the United Nations to transmit this  
petition to the Secretary General and to the Trusteeship Council.

While I was student at 1956 in the faculty of law in the university of  
Ain Shams (Cairo) obtained scholarship from the French Embassy at Cairo through  
Mr. Dovilele the Cultural Attachè. I left Egypt on august 20, 1956 to France  
there I became student in the "Alliance Française" 101 Boul. Raspail Paris VI,  
about three weeks of my staying in the institution, I went to the consulate of  
Italy at Paris for the rennovation of my passport here, Mr. Cortesi the consul  
and some Italians conspired against my future.

But how the conspiracy ishappen ?

After mutual greetings, the consul said: "a you are the unique Somali from  
the Trust Territory it is better to continue your studies in the university of  
Rome where are Somali students, and join with them, that is my advice to you as  
father to his son." "thank you very much" I said. Then I asked: "If leave

école de l'alliance and travel to Rome who will pay the travel expenses and promise me that I shall be admitted into the university ?" he replied "all your expenses shall be borne by Italy and granted by her -centro studi della Somalia-Roma. I asked him "why I leave l'alliance instead of Italian university ? are there differences between the Italian culture and the French culture ?" he replied: "No, no my son, there are no differences between them, but for the sake of your future, because your country is in need the Italian culture than French, plus the method of Italian life, you will occupy a good post soonly when you return to Somalia if you have Italian culture". I convinced and believed in him, but he was really the first conspirator of my life. The consul telegraphed to Rome, then I departed with a condition that I shall be admitted into the university of Rome. He gave me the ticket to Rome, when I arrived there, and met the head of the "centro studi della Somalia" Mr. Dannuzi the man who received the telegram on my behalf took my passport by force, and ordered me to depart to Somalia, refused to give me my passport in order to return to France or to Egypt, when I asked the reason he said: "you know that it is not Somali passport". I became as statue, there was no one who defends me, crying as a baby but in vain, he was a dictator, inhuman, and evil in the right sense of the word. The world turned around my head, darkness and anxiety is borne in my heart, hope is died, and the flower of my life is burned. But you may ask why all this sorrow and sadness ? because I was intending to return as a licentiate to my motherland on the day of independence 1960 and serve my people and my country.

As soon as I arrived to Rome, I told Mr. Sceek Ali Giunale, the minister of social affairs the conspiracy in a letter dated 15/12/56 but he said sympathically: "I am verry sorry, I cannot do nothing for you because I have not yet full authority upon the Italians".

Now, I am wandering in the streets, suffering from misery, injustice and unemployment, after the Italians have destroyed my future by brutal conspiracy.

I enclose "Carte d'Etudiant, statut, the letter, and the ticket". ad documents proving the Italian conspiracy.

In the name of justice, in the name of humanity, and your kind consideration I beg the United Nations to reclaim my right, and to compel the Italian government scholarship and compensation for me, so that I can complete my studies abroad.

Long life for the United Nations !

Yours truly,

(s) Sharif Osman Iman

Please a reply.

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