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PETITION FROM MR. MOHAMUD OMAR MOHAMED GIAMA CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK

Through the Advisory Council of the United Nations in Somaliland, Mogadiscio

The undersigned Mohamud Omar Mohamed Giama, a former Capo Comandante, the son of the late Faduma Farah, born at Geriban (Muddugh) in 1911, now resident and living at Galcaio and at one time, in 1941, serving with Dubat group number 102 (sub-group I), enlisted at Eil on 1 April 1926 as a Dubat in the unit commanded by Lieutenant Bigroni and Captain Arrole and took part in the campaign for the occupation of Migiurtinia; there, he received his baptism of fire in the battle of Hossouene and in the course of the fighting received several serious wounds. He took an active part in the whole Italo-Ethiopian campaign and in the Second World War. Thus he actually served from 1 April 1926 to 18 May 1941, until the time of the occupation of the whole area and the capture of the officers by the British on 18 May 1941. He enlisted in the Administration's Security Corps for Somaliland on 25 March 1950 with the rank of sergeant-major (maresciallo ordinario). He was discharged on 31 January 1956 when the establishment was reduced by Administrative Decree of 12 December 1955.

REQUESTS

In accordance with Act No. 1053 of 22 October 1957 of the Italian Republic, published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Somaliland as No. 1 of 2 January 1958, that all the rights due to him from his term of service and from the rank attained during his military career should be recognized, such rights being:

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- (a) payment of allowances outstanding for the period from 18 May 1941 to 25 March 1950, i.e. 107 months at So.432 per month, or a total of So.46,656;
- (b) payment of back pay from 25 March 1952 to 1 April 1956; (So.9,836).
- (c) payment of the normal pension for twenty-five years of actual service (N.B. the writer's length of service is thirty years, from 1926 to 31 January 1956);
- (d) payment of outstanding allowances due as a result of recognized disability in connexion with wounds received while on active service.

The undersigned declares that since January 1956, after having submitted all the usual documents required by the ordinances in force, after having complied with all the customary formalities and after having made repeated inquiries and requests for information on the progress, course and result of his case, he has never received a satisfactory reply. Accordingly, seeing no other solution, he takes the liberty of applying direct to the United Nations General Assembly in order that it may put an end to this lamentable state of affairs.

The undersigned, who, as already explained, has made numerous applications concerning the grant of the rights due to him and promised to him with the approval of the Italian Government through the Italian Trusteeship Administration, has so far not received so much as a satisfactory reply. He therefore applies to the United Nations General Assembly in order to obtain from the Administration what is due to him as set forth in this petition.

In addition, the undersigned attaches to the present petition two further documents<sup>1/</sup> issued to him by his former officers, together with four copies of the above-mentioned applications already made by him to the Administration and to Rome with a view to obtaining the rights referred to above. The undersigned declares that he sent another request to the United Nations on 7 November 1958, addressed to the Secretary-General, Dag. Hammarskjöld;<sup>2/</sup> accordingly he awaits a reply from you, and, with thanks, remains, etc.

(Signed)

THE APPLICANT  
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Mogadiscio  
29 March 1959

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<sup>1/</sup> The enclosures referred to have been placed in the Secretariat files and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council on request.  
<sup>2/</sup> T/PET.11/750.