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PETITION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE (GSL) IN
BOSASO CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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H.E. Administrator of Somalia
Commander of the Police Force
United Nations Advisory Council
cc: Director of G.S.L.

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We have the honour to present to you the following request:

On 19 September 1959 we asked the District Commissioner for permission to hold a convention, lasting about three days, in our district in the same place that it has always been held. After the Commissioner examined the programme of the convention he gave us authorization and measured out an area of space 5 metres wide and 20 metres long.

On the same day, we started preparations for the opening night of the convention, 20 September 1959.

On the morning of 20 September about 8 a.m. the Mayor, personally accompanied by the Inspector of the Ilalo, came to the place where we were making preparations and ordered operations to stop immediately, and arrested one of the members taking him to prison because he answered, "we can not stop operations without the consent of the Director." Damages because of this matter amounted to So.600.-

We wish to make clear to you that in this locality the Commissioner, the Police and the Mayor are very interested in politics and racialism, but have no interest in justice.

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As stated above, we wish to ask the competent Authority to intervene in this matter before it becomes serious.

Great Somalia League Committee
of Bosaso.

Bosaso, 21 September 1959
