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CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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and, for information, to:
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In confirming the contents of the telegram sent on 13 July to the
Trusteeship Council,^{1/} the undersigned Scek Issa in his capacity as President of
the Somali Youth League wishes to state the following:

1. By the smooth operation of the general elections held from 4 to 8 March
of this year, Somalia has given a proof of its democratic maturity. No
incident of any description has affected the conduct of the electoral
operations. Each citizen has been able to peacefully record his opinion
by voting. All the recognized parties have been able to present their
candidates and send them to the Legislative Assembly together with the
candidates of the majority party.
2. While the designation of the deputy Abdullahi Issa as Prime Minister
came about through the express decision of the Congress of the League, it
also should be repeated that the formation of the second Somali Government
together with the proposals by the Prime Minister concerning the appointment
of the Ministers and Under-Secretaries, took place according to precise
directives repeatedly discussed, approved and voted by the Central Committee
of the party.

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3. The ambitious aims of a few malcontents, desirous of gaining ministerial posts, offices and emoluments, has been the cause of some disturbance latterly. However, all attempts designed to create bewilderment and confusion have been counteracted in time through the resolute will of the Central Committee which represents the sound and very large majority of the party and which has loyally interpreted the decisions of the Congress.

Thus the Central Committee was obliged to deplore as it now solemnly does the activity of the thirteen deputies, members of the party, who have been guilty of lack of discipline and inconsistent behaviour, sending telegrams, memoranda and petitions containing absurd criticisms, where it would have been more democratic to present their personal views to the Legislative Assembly, at the time when the Government programme was being approved. Their conduct has been shown to be clearly anti-democratic and anti-parliamentary.

4. The Central Committee has regretfully been obliged to take disciplinary steps in regard to the deputy Nur Hasci Alas, Vice-President of the League and member of the Central Committee, and the deputy Abdirizzak Hagi Hussen, also member of the aforesaid Committee. The deputies in question had in fact established direct contacts with various bodies and institutions, claiming to be authorized by the Central Committee of the party, where no authorization by the aforesaid Committee had ever in any way whatsoever been given to them.

For this reason the deputy Nur Hasci Alas was removed from the office of the Vice-President of the League while both he and the deputy Abdirizzak Hagi Hussen were expelled from the Central Committee.

I wish the Trusteeship Council will take note that the aforesaid persons cannot either by speech or writing commit either the Somali Youth League or the Central Committee, since in the party they have only the capacity of simple member.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the Central Committee of the Somali Youth League, while assuring you that the political situation in

Somalia is perfectly normal, trusts that the Trusteeship Council will be able to justly assess the facts, circumstances and persons, and consequently will call upon the petitioning deputies and their representatives to observe the constitutional, democratic and parliamentary rules.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE

(Signed) Scek Issa Mohamed
