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PETITION FROM MR. SAID FARAH ELMI AALIN CONCERNING SOMALILAND  
UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

Members of the United Nations Advisory Council in Somaliland:

May the blessing of God be with you.

Since you are part of a body which supports just administration throughout one world, I submit this complaint to you in the hope of seeing my desires and rights granted as a result of your love of justice. I put myself in your hands and I ask you, once you have received my letter and understood what is written in it, to consider my problem, because I feel that I am being oppressed by the British Government; by the treacherous Italian Government and by the ignorant Somaliland Government, inasmuch as these traitors are responsible for the colonialism and slavery in our country, because they have done wrong to me by depriving me of my rights and not paying me for a single day. I belong to Obbia and live in that district. I have made a number of requests to the Government of Somaliland, the Italian Government and the British Government, and sent them many messages; I have also sent a similar number of messages to the United Nations.<sup>1/</sup>

I ask you or the United Nations to answer this letter within sixty days, because I am between life and death, ill, and about to leave for the other world. If justice is one of the aims of the United Nations, I am asking, under the protection of the United Nations flag, to be given my rights, without having to

<sup>1/</sup> T/PET.11/350, resolution 722 (XII) of the Trusteeship Council. In this earlier petition, Mr. Said Farah Elmi complained of having been ill-treated by the Italian authorities on account of his membership in the Somali Youth League. In its resolution on this petition, the Council decided that no action was necessary since it related to a matter within the competence of the courts of the Territory.

endure hindrances and contempt. Gentlemen, I must protest at the inefficiency of the Somaliland, Italian and English Governments where my country is concerned. Every year, the Government of Somaliland levies taxes and duties. In spite of our unceasing requests, not even a hospital has been built since the Government was set up.

I accordingly ask you to inquire into this state of affairs and to save the people of Obbia from such misery.

I am etc.

Said Farah Elmi Aalin

(Signature in Arabic)

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