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PETITION FROM THE INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTIONAL SOMALI
PARTY (HDMS), THE GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE (GSL) AND THE
SOMALI NATIONAL UNION (SNU) CONCERNING SOMALILAND
UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

H.E. The Secretary-General of U.N.
c/o U.N. Advisory Council

Mogadiscio

The opposition Parties in Somalia of central committee H.D.M.S., G.S.L.
and S.N.U. welcomes you in their country which approaches the end of its
trusteeship period and its rebirth as a sovreign, free and democratic nation.

The opposition Parties remind the U.N. of the recommendation of the last
Assembly which say:

The GENERAL ASSEMBLY..... expresses its confidence that the recommendations
and observations of the Trusteeship Council, which have been accepted by the
Administering Authority and by the Government of Somalia, concerning the
broadening of the composition of the Political Committee and the Constituent
Assembly, a popular confirmation of the constitution now under preparation
through a referendum, and a modification of the existing electoral law will
be implemented before the date on which the Trusteeship Agreement is
terminated, and that the Administering Authority will furnish a report on the
implementation of these recommendations to the Trusteeship Council at its
twenty-sixth session;

The Secretary General will undoubtedly remember this and will do his
best to see to it that these recommendations are carried, his advise should
be valuable and the value of the world opinion represented by the U.N. should
not be neglected by the government or the Italian Administration.

Our confidence in the U.N. make us observe all its recommendations and believe in the possibility of reaching our aims through peaceful means. We hope that the government will do the same. The rebirth of our country and its admission as a member to the U.N. should be achieved in an atmosphere of harmony and national cooperation.

We repeat again that every help that may be rendered by the Secretary General will be valuable.

In this spirit the opposition Parties like to declare that all the nation is one man in their fears and hopes about the Somali ethiopian border. If the General Assembly was not able to reach a solution we hope that the Secretary General will do his best to assist in this field.

Somali is still a U.N. trust territory. It should emerge from the ten years of trusteeship, really free from outside operation and inside discrimination. All the men of good will specially these who has their international responsibilities like the Secretary General should help.

We appeal to them we have faith in them.

Yours truly

The Secretary General

HDMS Party

Scek Yro

The Secretary General

G.S.L. Party

Abdurahim Hagi Mohamed

The Secretary General

S.N.U. Party

Hagi Scek Abaty

Mogadiscio, 13 January 1960

TO: H.E. Secretary-General of U. Nations
c/o U.N. Advisory council

MOGADISCIO

His Excellency.

With further reference to our petition submitted we have the honour to add the following:

Extract from recommendations of Trusteeship Council's 24th Session Concerning Somalia adopted at the 1040th meeting on 6/8/1959.

Para. 7 The Council expresses the hope that steps will be taken to broaden the composition of the Political Committee and the Constituent Assembly to include

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representatives of all existing political parties and other important social and cultural organizations of the territory.

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Para. 8 In view of the fact that a Constitution is to be adopted on the proclamation of Independence, the Council hopes that the Legislative Assembly and the Government of Somalia will consider providing for popular confirmation of the Constitution. The Council expresses the hope that the Government of Somalia will also consider the holding of general elections to the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after independence as a means of furthering political stability in the country."

Extract from Law passed on 6/7 January 1960 attributing Constitutional powers to the present Legislative Assembly.

Art. 1 The Elected Legislative Assembly in application of law dated 12/12/1958 No. 26 have been attributed full powers of Constituent Assembly for the elaboration and approval of the Constitution of Somalia.

Art. 5 The Legislative Assembly over and above the ordinary powers i.e. during and after the work of Constituent Assembly will continue to exercise it's proper attribution in conformity of the said law dated 12/12/1958, NO. 26

From the above extracts it will be clearly noted that the recommendations of the Trusteeship Council are completely ignored and no action is being taken to implement them. such as:

- a) broaden the political committee
- b) inclusion of representatives of existing political bodies, and other organizations of the territory.

Instead the present Legislative body has been attributed double function of Legislative Body and Constituent Assembly.

Secondly in the law passed there are no guarantees of;or no mention has been made of:

- a) Popular confirmation of referendum of Constitution when it is ready
- b) No consideration has been given to general elections to Legislative Assembly but the present legislative body will continue it's function as at present.

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In our view it seems clear the present ruling class of the Government of Somalia with backing of Italian Administration would like to hold the power against the wishes and aspirations of the people and against the recommendations of the U.N. Trusteeship Council and free "democracy" as exercised in other democratic countries.

We are submitting the petition to your Excellency with a view to investigating the matter and take necessary action so that the Somali state on it's birth on 1st July 1960 has stable Government for the people and by the people etc. We welcome you in our country and remain, Your excellency,

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Mogadiscio, 13 January 1960
