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PETITION FROM MR. MAHAMUD ALIO AND OTHERS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To: THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY
THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, BENADIR
THE UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL, Mogadiscio

We, the undersigned, are a group of the Bimal tribe, engaged in agriculture in the Genale and Doboï area of the Merca District and members of the Somali Youth League. In order to promote the interests and welfare of Somaliland, our country, we felt it our duty to express our opinions concerning the political, economic and social progress that the Administering Authority is so rapidly and capably promoting in the Territory. We have noticed that many Somalis have been given responsible posts, and we are genuinely happy to see that our people have embarked upon the road to independence. Yet we sincerely and firmly believe that this speed is dangerous for our country, because we are not yet mature and are not able to govern ourselves without the guidance of a civilized nation. For these reasons we request the Administering Authority and the Advisory Council to examine this problem which is extremely delicate and fraught with danger for the people; we still require time and therefore request the United Nations to allow the Italian Administration sufficient time to carry out its task. We do not want the Italian Administration's accomplishments of the past ten years to be in vain and futile.

9 February 1956

We have the honour to be, etc.

Mahamud Alio (Signed in Arabic
characters)

Mohamed Muddei Abehi (fingerprint)

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