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PETITION FROM THE GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
AND THE PEOPLE OF DUSA MAREB CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER
ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To: The United Nations Advisory Council Mogadiscio
The Administrator of Somalia Mogadiscio
Great Somalia League Mogadiscio

We the undersigned members of the Great Somalia League Women's Association and the People of Dusa Mareb protest against and reject the unjust elections of the month of March 1959. Moreover we protest against the happenings of 24 and 25 February 1959 during which our freedom has been violated and we confirm the previous protest of the provisional central committee of our Party.

We are displeased by your silence regarding the acts of violence and barbary committed by the Italian Administration throughout Somalia, and particularly us, Somali Women who know the honesty of the Heroine of Somalia and no law can justify her imprisonment because she was elected by the people for the whole Somalia and she is the first woman to hold an administrative office. This lady is Mrs. Halima Godane. And 70 other women are also imprisoned some being 12 and 18 years old and the majority 85 years old, among whom are sick nursing mothers and pregnant women.

We wish to state that we speak in the name of 980,000 or 100,000 Somali women of the Dusa Mareb area and we request your help for a pacific demonstration.

2 May 1959
Dusa Mareb

The Committee of the Women's Association
of the Party Great Somalia League and the
People of Dusa Mareb