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PETITION FROM SHEIKH MOHAMED AHMED MAHAD CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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PETITION CONCERNING SOMALILAND

23 July 1959

The President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council,

The Italian Administering Authority, in violation of Articles 3 and 20 of the Trusteeship Agreement, is intensifying, at present, pressure against my political party (HDMS) and is using the five deputees, Legislative Assembly members, who were expelled from the party by a National Congress resolution on 26 January 1959.

I have reasons to believe that my trip to the United Nations, to explain the case of my oppressed country before the Trusteeship Council, has generated the said intensification of pressure. Shortly after my departure from Somaliland en route to the United States the party offices in Mogadiscio were shut down for a few days and then reopened.

I request the Council to draw the attention of the Italian administering Authority to the serious consequences that might result from such flagrant disregard of public freedoms in Somaliland. I also request the Council to seek assurances from the representative of the Administering Authority that the vindictive measures of arresting those who complain against the Italian Authority would not be applied to me upon my return to Somaliland, because of the frank remarks I made before the Council.

Scek Mohamed Ahmed Mahad
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(Signed)
