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## EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

### SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

#### Observations of the Administering Authority

Note by the Secretariat: The following observations were communicated to the Secretariat on 1 May 1952 by the Italian observer to the United Nations. They relate to the following petitions:

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1. Petition from Mr. Ali Auale Ghere (T/PET.11/149)

The petition refers to payment of arrears of pay due as a result of relations between the former Government of Italian Somaliland and its dependents.

The petitioner, as door-keeper of the office of the Judge of Somaliland, belonged to the category of "casual personnel" and therefore, according to article 1 of Ordinance N.20 dated 20 May 1950, he is not entitled to arrears of pay.

In any case the general question of payment of arrears of pay to Somali military and civil staff employed with the pre-war Italian Administration was considered by the Trusteeship Council at its ninth session in connexion with a petition submitted by Messrs. Ghedi Guled, Mohamed Uarsama, Elmi Amin and Abdi Salad (T/PET.11/5). In resolution 349 (IX), adopted on 2 July 1951, the Council, having noted that these payments are borne by the Italian Treasury and not charged to the budget of Somaliland, decided that in the circumstances no action was called for.

2. Petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Kismayo (T/PET.11/167)

The questions raised in this petition are similar to those contained in another petition (T/PET.11/88). We therefore refer to the observations on that petition.<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: See document T/982, section 14.

3. Petition from the Somali Youth League, Branch of Bender Cassim  
(T/PET.11/186)

The questions raised in the petition under consideration are similar to those contained in another petition (T/PET.11/114). We therefore refer to the observation on that petition.<sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>2/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: See document T/982, section 30.

4. Petition from Mr. Mohamed Bothar and five others (T/PET.11/196)

The petitioners repeat the usual vague and groundless charges against the Administration. The situation in the Kismayu District was explained in detail in the observations on petition T/PET.11/88,<sup>3/</sup> to which we refer.

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<sup>3/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: See document T/982, section 14.

5. Petition from Mr. Sama Aliu Abdurrahman (T/PET.11/198)

The petition deals with the well-known problem of the movement of populations among the various regions of the Territory.

The Administration will not consider any measure for controlling or limiting such normal movements of populations.

6. Petition from Mr. Demo Hasci and three others (T/FET.11/206)

The petitioners complain that the chief chosen by the majority of the "rer" Aptisame has not yet assumed his functions.

From investigations made, it appears that at 1 April 1950 Mr. Mussa Hassan Osman was the chief of that "rer". As in 1951 a great number of the members of the "rer" seemed not pleased with Mr. Hassan Osman, a "shir" was convened on 16 August, and by 242 votes to 43, Mr. Mumin Hussein Ibrahim was elected. The latter died at the beginning of November of the same year and therefore a new "shir" had to be convened in the month of February 1952. The new chief elected in that "shir", Mr. Osman Abdi Gafo, has already assumed his duty.

7. Petition from representatives of the Merehan Tribe (T/PET.11/211)

These are anonymous accusations devoid of all foundation. For further information, see the observations on petitions T/PET.11/33,<sup>4/</sup> T/PET.11/219,<sup>5/</sup> T/PET.11/227,<sup>6/</sup> T/PET.11/230<sup>7/</sup> and T/PET.11/231,<sup>8/</sup> concerning the peoples of Merehan.

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Notes by the Secretariat:

- 4/ See document T/940, section 1.
- 5/ These observations have not yet been received by the Secretariat.
- 6/ See document T/978, section 38.
- 7/ See document T/978, section 39.
- 8/ See document T/978, section 40.

8. Petition from the Somali women of Bender Cassim (T/PET.11/216)

The Mijertein situation was explained in detail in the observation on petition T/PET.11/114,<sup>2/</sup> to which we refer.

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<sup>2/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: See document T/982, section 30.

9. Petition from Mr. Abdiraman Hersi Ali (T/PET.11/240)

The petitioner complains of non-payment of arrears of pay as ex-servicemen of the former Government of Italian Somaliland.

From investigations made it appears that the petitioner, according to the dispositions of Ordinance N.20 of 20 May 1950, is not entitled to any liquidation as he did not belong to the Italian military forces on 1 February 1941.

In any case, the general question of payment of arrears of pay to Somali military and civil staff employed with the pre-war Italian Administration was considered by the Trusteeship Council at its ninth session, in connexion with the petition submitted by Messrs. Ghedi Guled, Mohamed Uarsama, Elmi Amin and Abdi Salad (T/PET.11/5). In resolution 349 (IX), adopted on 2 July 1951, the Council, having noted that these payments are borne by the Italian Treasury and not charged to the budget of Somaliland, decided that in the circumstances no action was called for.

10. Anonymous petition (T/PET.11/R.1)

This anonymous petition deals more or less with the same questions raised in many other petitions. We refer therefore to the observation on petitions: T/PET.11/40, 10/ T/PET.11/88 11/ and T/PET.11/159. 12/

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Notes by the Secretariat:

10/ See document T/952, section 3.

11/ See document T/982, section 14.

12/ See document T/982, section 49.