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FOURTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 39

QUESTION OF THE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND ETHIOPIA

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, 854 (IX) of
14 December 1954, 947 (X) of 15 December 1955 and 1068 (XI) of 26 February 1957,

Having taken note of the reports transmitted to the General Assembly by the
Governments of Ethiopia (A/3753 and Corr.1) and Italy (A/3754 and Add.1) in
accordance with the recommendation contained in resolution 1068 (XI),

Having heard the statements made by the delegations of Ethiopia and Italy,
including that of the representative of the Government of Somalia,

Noting the efforts made by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy in
negotiations to reach a solution of questions relating to the entire frontier
between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and
Ethiopia,

Noting that, notwithstanding some progress made during the discussions,
direct negotiations have failed to resolve some of the main differences between
the parties,

Considering that it is in the common interest of both the Trust Territory and
Ethiopia that there should be a final settlement of the question of the frontier
between them before the Trust Territory shall become an independent sovereign
State in 1960,

Having regard to the urgency of the matter,

1. Expresses the opinion that a final settlement can be achieved most
expeditiously by a procedure of arbitration;

2. Recommends the parties to establish an arbitration tribunal, if possible within three months, to delimit the frontier in accordance with terms of reference, consistent with the Italo-Ethiopian Convention of 16 May 1908, to be agreed between them, with the assistance of an independent person to be nominated by the President of the General Assembly;

3. Requests the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to report to the Secretary-General before the thirteenth session of the General Assembly on the measures taken by them to give effect to the present resolution.
