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Agenda item 39

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

Philippines: amendments to the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.528/Rev.1)  
submitted by Ceylon, Greece, Indonesia, Liberia and the Sudan

1. Delete the first preambular paragraph and substitute the following:

"Bearing in mind that, by its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, it recommended, inter alia, that the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia be settled and delimited by direct negotiations between Italy, as the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory, and Ethiopia,".

2. Replace the second preambular paragraph by the following:

"Noting with concern from the reports submitted at the twelfth session of the General Assembly by the Governments of Ethiopia (A/3753 and Corr.1) and Italy (A/3754 and Add.1) that, after seven years, the direct negotiations between the parties have proved unavailing in the solution of the frontier question,".

3. Delete the third and fourth preambular paragraphs and substitute the following:

"Recalling that, by sub-paragraph (b) of said resolution 392 (V), it is provided that, should the parties fail in their direct negotiations to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the frontier question, they would agree 'on the request of either party to a procedure of mediation by a United Nations Mediator to be appointed by the Secretary-General and, further, in the event of the inability of the parties to accept the recommendations of the Mediator, to a procedure of arbitration'".

4. Replace the fifth preambular paragraph by the following:

"Considering it of the utmost importance and in the best interest of all concerned that the frontier between the Trust Territory and Ethiopia be satisfactorily settled and delimited before the former is set free as a new independent sovereign State in 1960,".

5. Insert before the operative paragraph two new operative paragraphs, as follows:

"1. Recommends as a matter of the utmost urgency that the parties forthwith resort to mediation of the frontier question by a United Nations Mediator appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint, as soon as possible, upon consultations with Italy and Ethiopia, a United Nations Mediator to mediate between the parties for a satisfactory settlement and delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia;".

6. Redraft the operative paragraph to read as follows:

"3. Further recommends that, should such mediation fail of a satisfactory settlement of the frontier question by 31 May 1958, the parties immediately submit the question to arbitration before an arbitration tribunal of three members, one to be appointed by Ethiopia, another to be appointed by Italy, and the third to be appointed by the two members so appointed or, failing that, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;".

7. Add the following, as the last operative paragraph:

"4. Requests all parties concerned to report, through the Trusteeship Council, the results of such mediation and/or arbitration for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.".

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