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

Ceylon, Greece, Indonesia, Liberia, Sudan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland, United States of America: revised 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 the question of the frontier between the
Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Noting that, notwithstanding some progress made during the discussions, direct
negotiations have not resolved some of the main differences between the parties,

Considering that it is in the common interest of Ethiopia and the Trust
Territory 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;

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2. Recommends the parties to establish an arbitration tribunal, if possible within three months, consisting of three jurists, one to be appointed by Ethiopia, one by Italy and one by agreement between the jurists so appointed or, failing agreement between them, by, to delimit the frontier in accordance with terms of reference to be agreed between the two Governments, with the assistance of an independent person to be appointed by agreement between them;

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