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## PETITIONS CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

### 227th report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. M. RASGOTRA (India)

1. At the 500th meeting of the Standing Committee held on 19 February 1959, the Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that the petitions and communications concerning Somaliland under Italian administration, circulated under paragraphs 1 and 2 of rule 85 and under rule 24 of the rules of procedure by the Trusteeship Council, included certain petitions<sup>1/</sup> containing requests for United Nations supervision of the general elections to be held in the Territory from 5 March 1959 and certain others<sup>2/</sup> raising complaints relating to these elections.
2. It was pointed out that, under the normal procedure, these petitions would be examined only during the 24th session of the Trusteeship Council beginning in June 1959, by which time the general elections would already have taken place.
3. At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of Italy made a statement to the Standing Committee. He said that, while he was not in a position to make any comments on the specific points raised in any of these petitions, the information in his possession indicated that the general elections, the holding

1/ T/PET.11/L.29 and Add.1 and L.32.

2/ T/PET.11/746, T/PET.11/L.30 and L.31, T/COM.11/L.316.

of which not later than the end of March 1959 had been recommended by the Trusteeship Council at its 22nd session, would be conducted in an atmosphere of complete freedom and public order.

4. The Committee agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Trusteeship Council.

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