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Interoffice memo to D.H. from H. A. Wieselhoff.

- Resolution adopted by Somalia Legislative Assembly.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 4 April 195⁶⁰

FROM: H. A. Wieschhoff *HW*

FILE NO.: _____

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Somaliland

Attached hereto:

1. Resolution adopted by Somalia Legislative Assembly.
2. Draft of resolution introduced in the Legislative Council of British Somaliland.

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C O P Y

MOTION BY

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On March 28, 1960

The Somalia Legislative Assembly

Having considered the decision adopted by the United Nations on December 2, 1950, that ex-Italian Somaliland should receive its Independence within 10 years from that date;

Having considered that Somalia's Independence has been brought forward to July 1, 1960;

Having considered the indivisibility of the five Somali Territories of the Ogaden, N.F.D. (Kenya), Somaliland Protectorate and French Somaliland with regard to their ethnical, religious, linguistic and economic identity; approves the following

Motion

The Somalia Legislative Assembly truly interprets the opinion of all Somali races inhabiting the Territories bordering Somalia under Italian Trusteeship and strongly urges His Excellency the Administrator to make representations to the Government of Italy to convey to the United Nations the unanimous desire of all Somali people to be united under the same flag and therefore to consent an agreement with other interested Governments so that the various territories inhabited by Somali people may freely express their own wish to be united in one Somali Independent state, if possible before July 1, 1960.

Mogadishu.

28th March 1960

Following is text of motion handed to Clerk of Legislative Council of British Somaliland in Margeisa by Somali National League back-bencher for debate in meeting due to start on April 5.

Text begins - Be it resolved that it is the opinion of this House that practical steps should be taken forthwith for the immediate unification of the Protectorate and Somalia. That prompt action is essential to achieve this most cherished aim, and can be fully justified by the special importance which popular feeling in this country attaches to its early achievement. That bold and definite action be taken and that the date of our independence and unification with Somalia must be 1st July 1960, the date when Somalia will attain its full freedom - text ends.