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and Members of the League.

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DISPUTE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND ITALY.

Communication from the Italian Government.

Ethiopian atrocities committed upon Italian prisoners.

Charge brought by the Italian Government before the  
League of Nations.

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Rome, April 7th, 1936.  
Year XIV.

To the Secretary-General.

(Translated from the Italian).

Following on previous communications, I have the honour  
to transmit to you copies of the following documents:

1. Deposition made on February 11th, 1936, in the presence  
of the Italian Consul at Jibuti, by the Secretary of the Greek  
Consulate at Dire-dawa, in which he refers to the slave trading  
noted by him in that town in November 1935, and to the torture  
and killing of Italian prisoners by Ethiopians (Annex I.).

2. Statement made at Cairo on March 10th, 1936, on oath and  
in the presence of witnesses, by three members of the Egyptian  
Medical Mission in Ethiopia, concerning the atrocious tortures  
inflicted at Bolali on December 1st, 1935, on an Italian prisoner  
who was impaled on an iron bar and then burnt. (Annex II).

The originals of these depositions can be produced, if  
necessary.

The names of the Egyptian sick attendants concerned  
are included in the list of the staff of the "Egyptian Committee  
for Medical Aid in Ethiopia", which was duly communicated to  
the Italian Government by the Egyptian Legation in Rome.

I would request you to be good enough to bring to the  
notice of the States Members of the League of Nations these facts,  
which form a continuation of the series of unheard-of crimes  
committed in Ethiopia on Italian prisoners in violation of all  
conventional and humanitarian rules of conduct.

I have the honour etc.

(Signed) SUVICH

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