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TRANSLITERATION OF SOMALI WRITING

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ROMANIZATION OF SOMALI

Somali is the national language of Somalia. Arabic, English and Italian
are official languages of the Government, and all three are extensively spoken.
Officially, Somali is not a written language.
The alphabet used in C.R.V.Bell's "The Somali Language" (London, 1953;
republished 1968, 2nd impression 1969) is the following:

a c i o u aa ee ii oo uu ay ey aw ow oy
b d t q z k q f s sh j l m n r kh h * w y.