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CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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FIFTH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF TOGOLESE STUDENTS

held in Paris, on 14 April 1957, at 6 bis,  
Cité Rougemont, Paris (9)

I. MOTION CONCERNING GENERAL POLICY

The FIFTH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS of Togolese Students, held in Paris on 14 April 1957, has considered what line of action to follow with regard to the new situation created by the Statute of 24 August 1956.

FAITHFUL to the undeviating position of the Association of Students, the Congress is still of the opinion that the Statute of 24 August does not in any way meet the real aspirations of the Togolese people for independence. The very conditions under which this Statute has been drawn up and applied and the unrepresentative character of the present members of the Government and the Legislative Assembly are so many proofs of the consolidation of French dominion over Togoland.

MORE THAN EVER, the mass of the people and all anti-colonialist forces in Togoland must unite and redouble their vigilance so as to ensure the maintenance of international Trusteeship until national independence is achieved.

SOLEMNLY CALLS FOR the formation of an expanded anti-colonialist front based on a minimum programme comprising:

- (1) The dissolution of the Legislative Assembly.
- (2) A general election under the supervision of the United Nations.
- (3) The formation of a national coalition government to achieve the independence of Togoland.

## II. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

The Congress

RECORDS with satisfaction that the French Government has failed in its attempts to set the North and the South against each other, thanks to the vigilance of the young people and students of Togoland,

RECOMMENDS that all members of the Association increase their efforts to achieve national unity, the only guarantee of effective action.

## III. APPEAL TO THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE

PEOPLE OF TOGOLAND

It is your turn to speak!

The United Nations can find support only in your strength.

Independence is achieved through the cohesion and unity of the masses of the people.

The Statute of the Autonomous Republic is not independence at all, it is a prison.

On with the struggle against colonialism, which is consolidating its hold on the country.

The French colonialists, who have been driven out of North Africa, are settling in our country.

People of Togoland, in your strength we trust!

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