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 TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH AND FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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RESOLUTION

ADDRESSED TO MR. JEAN BERARD,  
 ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC  
 IN EAST TOGOLAND, LOME, AND  
 SIR CHARLES NOBLE ARDEN-CLARKE,  
 BRITISH GOVERNOR OF THE GOLD COAST AND  
 WEST TOGOLAND, ACCRA.

CONCERNING TOGOLESE STUDENTS AND GENERAL SCHOOL CONDITIONS IN TOGOLAND

JUVENTO

Considering that the San Francisco Charter, the Trusteeship System and the  
 Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland signed by France and the United Kingdom  
 entrust these two European Powers with the SACRED MISSION OF GUIDING THIS  
 AFRICAN COUNTRY TOWARDS ITS SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE, ON THE BASIS OF  
 THE FREELY EXPRESSED LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION,

Considering that THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN FREELY ADOPTED BY THE VARIOUS TOGOLESE POLITICAL PARTIES: Comité de l'Unité Togolaise, Parti Togolais du Progrès, Juvento, Mouvement Populaire Togolais, the Togoland Congress and the Convention People's Party,

Considering that THE UNANIMITY OF TOGOLESE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE PRINCIPLE OF TOGOLAND'S INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND FORMALLY PROCLAIMED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION C/1954,

Considering that all the resolutions which have so far been adopted by the United Nations concerning the Togolese question recommend, QUITE CLEARLY, that the Administering Authorities should spare no effort to facilitate the movement of people from one zone to the other, and the RE-UNIFICATION OF TOGOLAND,

Considering that in all countries EDUCATION IS AND WILL REMAIN THE STEPPING-STONE TO CIVILIZATION,

Considering that the need for the ELIMINATION OF ILLITERACY is illustrated by the increased cultural activities throughout the world and particularly in FRANCE where the law lays down that primary education for children of between 6 and 13 years of age must be free and compulsory,

Considering the unsatisfactory facilities provided for TOGOLESE STUDENTS in comparison to those available in French West Africa,

Considering the political persecution to which are subjected TOGOLESE STUDENTS IN FRANCE, for example in the case of GLOKPOR in the Faculty of Medicine at Paris,

Considering, lastly, the restrictions placed upon and disillusionment of some students returning to Togoland on completion of their studies, for example - The Case of François AMORIN, of the Faculty of Law at Paris, who, despite his brilliant record, was categorically refused the right to exercise the profession of lawyer by Laurent PECHOUX, the Commissioner of the Republic,

- The case of Eugène de SOUZA, who was not allowed to engage in his profession on completion of the required probationary period in the United Kingdom,
- The case of Robert FRANKLIN, Doctor of Dental Surgery of the Faculty of Paris, who was unpleasantly surprised by the refusal to renew his very first contract,

Considering that such measures tend to induce the persons concerned to leave the country and demoralize their comrades who are being trained, as well as young Togolese who might have similar ambitions,

Considering that Togolese students who have completed their studies in Europe or elsewhere have been assigned abroad,

This state of affairs violating the principle of the indigenous inhabitants' contribution to the development of their country on the one hand, and that of their participation in the administration of their own affairs on the other, principles which in one form or another were proclaimed both in the San Francisco Charter and in the Constitution of the Fourth French Republic and which serve as a further illustration of the United Kingdom system of self-Government,

#### FOR THESE REASONS

- I. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE TO THE TWO ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES AND THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION,
- II. DENOUNCES, HOWEVER, THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES OF A POLITICAL NATURE APPLIED AGAINST TOGOLESE STUDENTS, CONSIDERING THAT IN EUROPE, AND PARTICULARLY IN FRANCE, EUROPEAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE FREELY IN POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE FREQUENTLY DISORDERLY,
- III. REQUESTS:
  1. THAT THE NUMBER OF METROPOLITAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TOGOLESE STUDENTS, SHOULD BE INCREASED AND ENOUGH PROVIDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL ZONES AND ALL REGIONS OF TOGOLAND AS A WHOLE,
  2. THAT ANY STUDENT WHO HAS OBTAINED HIS SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATES SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF ANY OTHER CONDITIONS CONCERNING AGE, HIGH MARKS, ETC,
  3. THAT A SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE GRANTED TO ANY NEEDY STUDENT TAKING HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES AND, IN TOGOLAND, TO ANY NEEDY STUDENT AT SECONDARY SCHOOL,

4. THAT A SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN ONLY IF A STUDENT HAS FAILED HIS EXAMINATIONS IN TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS AND THAT THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE MADE ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT DRAWN UP BY A SUPERVISORY BODY ON WHICH A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PUPIL'S PARENTS MUST BE REPRESENTED,
5. THAT IF A STUDENT PASSES AN EXAMINATION WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY FAILED HIS SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE RESTORED,
6. THAT THE PARENTS OF PUPILS AND THE STUDENTS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED ON ALL SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR OWN CHOICE,
7. THAT A SPECIAL HOSTEL FOR TOGOLESE STUDENTS SHOULD BE PURCHASED AND SUITABLY EQUIPPED ON SCHOOL PREMISES, AND, WHEN NUMBERS WARRANT IT, THAT THE HOSTEL SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE EVEN TO NON-SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS,
8. THAT HOLIDAY FACILITIES (HOLIDAYS TO TOGOLAND, HOLIDAY CAMPS, ETC.) FOR TOGOLESE STUDENTS SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THOSE ENJOYED BY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS OF FRENCH WEST AFRICA, AND HOLIDAY CAMPS SHOULD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BRING TOGETHER TOGOLESE STUDENTS COMING FROM ABROAD AND THOSE FROM THE TERRITORY, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL BROTHERHOOD AND EMULATION,
9. THAT TOGOLAND SHOULD DEFRAY THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEATH OF A TOGOLESE STUDENT (RETURN AND BURIAL OF THE BODY),
10. THAT A PERMANENT FUND SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN FRANCE WITH THE MINISTRY FOR OVERSEAS FRANCE AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES WITH SUITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEEDY STUDENTS,
11. THAT EASTERN AND WESTERN TOGOLAND SHOULD CO-OPERATE IN FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO CASES WHERE STUDENTS FROM THESE TWO ZONES STUDY IN THE SAME AREA,
12. THAT TOGOLESE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES, SHOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY BROUGHT BACK AND EMPLOYED IN TOGOLAND, OR, THAT IF NECESSARY, FACILITIES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT IN TOGOLAND ... EXCEPT WHERE IN EITHER CASE, THE PERSONS CONCERNED DECIDE TO THE CONTRARY,

THE WRONGS OF FORMER STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY ASSIGNED TO THEIR POSITION OR WHO HAVE LOST IT, SHOULD BE REDRESSED AND THOSE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE TOGOLAND REPATRIATED,

13. THAT THE EXISTING "BONNECARRERE" SECONDARY SCHOOL (LOME) SHOULD BE RECONVERTED INTO A COLLEGE AND THAT A SECONDARY SCHOOL WORTHY OF THE NAME SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED,
14. THAT COMPLETELY FREE PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN WESTERN TOGOLAND UP TO STANDARD SEVEN CERTIFICATE SUCH AS WAS INTRODUCED A LONG TIME AGO IN EASTERN TOGOLAND,
15. THAT FRENCH AND ENGLISH SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN ALL SCHOOLS IN BOTH ZONES OF TOGOLAND,
16. THAT ADEQUATE SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THE MISSIONARY SCHOOLS AND, IN GENERAL, TO PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS,

IV. POINTS OUT THAT IT MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN ITS CLAIMS,

V. TRUE TO ITS PRINCIPLE OF OPTIMISM, REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE FRENCH AND UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE PROOF OF THEIR GOOD WILL AND THEIR GOOD FAITH BY MEETING, FROM THIS YEAR (1955) ONWARDS, THESE CLAIMS INsofar AS THEY CONCERN THEM,

VI. DECLARES THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE EQUALLY VALID FOR THE ADMINISTRATORS WHO MAY SUCCEED MR. JEAN BERARD AND SIR CHARLES NOBLE ARDEN-CLARKE, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN TOGOLAND,

VII. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION WHEREVER IT MAY BE NECESSARY,

Done at Lomé, 10 May 1955.

(Signed) NAPO BADJI  
NATIONAL SECRETARY  
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JUVENTO

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