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THE TOGOLAND UNIFICATION PROBLEM AND THE FUTURE OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Special Report of the Trusteeship Council

Addendum to part II:

The future of Togoland under French administration

CORRIGENDUM

In Annex I to document A/3169/Add.1, after the last paragraph of page 6, add the following:

"By the beginning of September, the Council of Ministers had been formed and the Legislative Assembly, after voting its first Act, which dealt with the flag, national anthem and motto of Togoland, adopted provisions concerning relations between the executive and legislative branches.

"The Government of Togoland was thus in a position to discharge its new responsibilities: in buildings which had been made ready for their new purpose, those services which had previously been managed by the representatives of the Administering Power were transferred to the Togoland Ministers at a brief ceremony attended by the High Commissioner and the Prime Minister. The autonomy of Togoland had become a fact.

"In this way Togoland has now attained the basic objectives specified in the Trusteeship Agreement and in Article 76 b of the United Nations Charter.

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"V. CONCLUSIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY

"The fact that the Togolanders had attained the capacity for 'self-government' (Article 76 b of the Charter) led the French Government to carry out 'appropriate consultations' on 28 October last (article 5 of the Trusteeship Agreement).

"These consultations have made it possible to ascertain the freely expressed wishes of the people of Togoland. They are overwhelmingly in favour of accepting political autonomy and ending the trusteeship system; by this unequivocal choice they have implicitly rejected any other solution with regard to their immediate future. It should be noted moreover that, as specified in part IX of the Decree of 24 August 1956, the Statute of the new Republic is susceptible of evolution.

"Drawing the logical conclusions from the referendum, the Legislative Assembly of Togoland has, by its wish (voeu) of 2 November 1956, urged the Administering Authority to inform the United Nations of the result of the referendum, on the occasion of the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

"In the light of the popular vote of 28 October last and the said wish (voeu) of the Legislative Assembly, the Government of the French Republic considers that it is now impossible to allow the autonomous Republic of Togoland to remain any longer under the trusteeship system.

"The French Government considers that the only solution that is fair to the inhabitants of Togoland is for the Trusteeship Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations to take into consideration the deep-seated aspirations thus made manifest and to request the Administering Authority to take the necessary steps to terminate the Trusteeship Agreement of 13 December 1946, and, in particular, to abolish the machinery which gives it provisional control over the decisions of the autonomous Republic of Togoland under articles 39, 40, 41 and 44 of the Republic's Statute."
