



Thirteenth session  
Agenda item 40

THE FUTURE OF TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 752nd meeting held on 22 September 1958, the General Assembly allocated to the Fourth Committee the following item on its agenda:

"40. The future of Togoland under French administration:  
report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision  
of the Elections and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon."

2. The Committee considered the special report of the Trusteeship Council on this question (A/3958) together with the report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in Togoland under French administration (A/3957).

3. At its 782nd meeting, the Committee heard opening statements made by the representative of France (A/C.4/383), by Mr. Sylvanus Olympio, Prime Minister of the Republic of Togoland, speaking as a member of the French delegation (A/C.4/384) and by Mr. Max H. Dorsinville, United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in Togoland under French administration.

4. The general debate was begun at the 782nd meeting, and concluded at the 788th meeting.

5. At the 787th meeting, the Committee received two draft resolutions.

6. The first was submitted jointly by Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ghana, India, Ireland, Liberia, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia (A/C.4/L.544). It was subsequently slightly revised (A/C.4/L.544/Rev.1) and the following delegations joined the list of

sponsors: Burma, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Federation of Malaya, Guatemala, Italy, Panama, Philippines and Peru (A/C.4/L.544/Add.1 and Rev.1/Add.1 and 2).

Under this resolution, the General Assembly would: (1) note that the French and Togolese Governments have decided, by mutual agreement, that Togoland shall attain independence in 1960, in accordance with the wishes of the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland; (2) express its high appreciation of the work of the United Nations Commissioner and his staff; (3) congratulate France and the authorities and people of Togoland on their achievements in Togoland, which enable the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to be attained, and (4) resolve, accordingly, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which will be agreed to between the Government of France and the Government of Togoland, and on which the Republic of Togoland becomes independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. The resolution was adopted unanimously at the 788th meeting.

8. The text of the draft resolution approved by the Committee is annexed to the present report as draft resolution I.

9. The second draft resolution was submitted by Ghana, Haiti, India, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Mexico, Poland and Yugoslavia (A/C.4/L.546). Ethiopia, the Federation of Malaya, Greece and Libya subsequently joined the list of sponsors (A/C.4/L.546 Add.1 and 2).

10. The sponsors revised orally the draft resolution at the 788th meeting. Under this draft resolution, the General Assembly would invite the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance concerning Togoland, submitted through the Administering Authority.

11. The resolution in its revised form was adopted unanimously at the 788th meeting.

12. The text of the draft resolution as adopted by the Committee is annexed to the present report as draft resolution II.

13. The Fourth Committee accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolutions I and II below.

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

THE FUTURE OF TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1182 (XII) of 29 November 1957,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration on the organization, conduct and results of the elections which took place on 27 April 1958 in the Territory,<sup>1/</sup>

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution T/RES/1921(S-VIII) of 17 October 1958,

Taking note of the statements made by the representative of France<sup>2/</sup> and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Togoland<sup>3/</sup> during the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,

Noting further the resolution passed by the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Togoland on 23 October 1958,<sup>4/</sup>

1. Notes that the French and Togolese Governments have decided, by mutual agreement, that Togoland shall attain independence in 1960, in accordance with the wishes of the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland;

2. Expresses its high appreciation of the work of the United Nations Commissioner and his staff;

3. Congratulates France and the authorities and people of Togoland on their achievements in Togoland, which enable the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to be attained;

4. Resolves, accordingly, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which will be agreed to between the Government of France and the Government of Togoland, and on which the Republic of Togoland becomes independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

<sup>1/</sup> A/3957.

<sup>2/</sup> A/C.4/383.

<sup>3/</sup> A/C.4/384.

<sup>4/</sup> A/C.4/382.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

ASSISTANCE TO TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the wishes expressed by the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland on 23 October 1958 that assistance should be given to Togoland by the United Nations,<sup>1/</sup>

Having taken note of the undertaking given by the representative of France at the 784th meeting of the Fourth Committee that the Administering Authority will transmit and facilitate the requests of the Government of Togoland for United Nations assistance through normal procedures,

Taking note of the important assistance already given by France to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration,

Considering the useful and constructive role that the United Nations and the specialized agencies have played in the past in assisting various countries in their development plans,

Recalling the recent establishment of the Special Fund and of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Considering that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

Invites the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance concerning Togoland, submitted through the Administering Authority.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/C.4/382.