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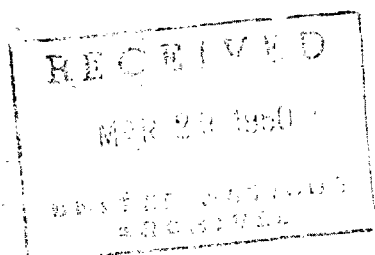
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PETITION FROM TOFFON DAKPO,
CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF AGBO-FON, AND TWELVE OTHERS
CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION
AND TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 25 November 1949 from Toffon Dakpo, Chief of the village of Agbo-Fon, and twelve others concerning the Trust Territories of Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa.



C O P Y

AGBO-FON, Friday, 25 November 1949

To: The Chairman, Visiting Mission of the United Nations
Trusteeship Council, now at LOME,

We, the undersigned, have the honour most respectfully to present to you the following resolution which binds us together in a spirit of close union within the Comité de l'Unité Togolaise with a view to our country's social, economic and cultural development.

Resolution

We desire union of the two parts of Togoland now under British and French administration. We desire the re-incorporation with us of the Ewes who live in the South-East of the Gold Coast and on the other bank of the Mono in the French Territory of Dahomey. The inhabitants of these countries, arbitrarily divided by the Administering Authorities, are all brothers; they are Ewes, speaking the same language and having the same customs. To visit their brothers living in the other zone of Togoland, they meet all kinds of obstacles created by customs requirements. Their unification will ease the troubles of the country. We request the unification of the two Togolands under a single government.

We beg that the rights of the traditional chiefs of the country be recognised. We deplore the appointment in the country of village chiefs who are set up and proclaimed by the Administration without being chosen by the indigenous inhabitants themselves, without their consent and against their wishes. The chiefs so appointed are chiefs who have been bought by the Administration to exploit the country and subject it to all forms of injustice and oppression.

They are hirelings set up to satisfy the gluttonous personal appetites Administration officials. We therefore decide that the chiefs in this country shall be elected traditional chiefs, appointed by the natives themselves.

THE PETITIONERS

1. TOFFON DAKPO, Chief of the Village of AGBO-FON and President of the FONS Group of the Unité Togolaise.
2. DEDJI GADJI Chief of the Village of SADA
3. KPADONOU JOHANNES Chief of the Village of GOMOKOPE
4. AKPOVI DOSSA Chief of the Village of ATCHINEDJI
5. EGBEGNIDE ALE Chief of the Village of ADJIDO
6. NOVIDE DAGNIDOU Chief of the Village of GBONDJINDJI
7. ALOGNIBO TESSOU Chief of the Village of KOTOKOPE
8. OHOUDEGNON SONON Chief of the Village of FRIKOTE-VOSSA
9. DOSSOU KOUNFE Chief of the Village of FRIK.-LOGOZOHE
10. KOUVIDE Chief of the Village of ALALE
11. SONOKPON NAGNIDE, Vice-President of the SADA Group of the Unité Togolaise
12. MATHIAS KETOWOU, Vice-President of the AVETE Group of the Unité Togolaise
13. DADJEDJI MAYO, Vice-President of the GLEI Group of the Unité Togolaise

For the Fons Chiefs Atakpame Region

(signed) _____ (illegible)

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