

development, they continued to believe that the retention by France of certain powers on their behalf was to their mutual advantage.

Members of the opposition parties were insistent that only full independence, on a par with that enjoyed by other newly-emerging states in Africa, particularly Ghana, which includes the former trust territory of British Togoland, would fulfil the goals of the trusteeship system and the desires of the majority of the Togolese people. The position of the Government of Togoland and of the administering authority was that after the elections and the transfer of powers referred to above, the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement would have been fulfilled and might then be terminated.

It became evident during the debate that the Assembly would not commit itself to any final course of action regarding the abrogation of the Trusteeship Agreement until the elections had been held and the new Legislative Assembly of the Government of Togoland had expressed its desires in this regard.

Taking the above considerations into account Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ireland and Liberia co-sponsored a resolution which provided for United Nations supervision of elections to the Togolese National Assembly, and for further consideration by the Trusteeship Council and by the General Assembly at its thirteenth session. If after the elections the administering authority and the new Togoland Assembly and the Togoland Government requested the termination of Trusteeship Agreement, the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, and in the light of circumstances then prevailing, would be able to recommend appropriate action. The resolution, the operative part of which is given below, was approved by the Fourth Committee by 50 in favour, none against and 26 abstentions and adopted by 50 votes in favour (including Canada) to 1 against with 29 abstentions by the General Assembly.

*The General Assembly:*

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on Togoland under French administration for its valuable report and draws the attention of the Administering Authority and the Togoland Government to the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Notes* the statement of the Administering Authority that the Legislative Assembly to be elected by universal adult suffrage in 1958 and the Togoland Government will be asked to formulate, in consultation with the Administering Authority, proposals for the early attainment of the final objective of the Trusteeship System;

3. *Accepts*, having regard to the responsibilities of the new Legislative Assembly mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the invitation of the Government of Togoland, transmitted by the Administering Authority, to make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the Administering Authority, for supervision of the elections by the United Nations;

4. *Decides* to elect a Commissioner who shall supervise the elections to the Legislative Assembly and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

5. *Requests* the Administering Authority and the Government of Togoland to make in consultation with the United Nations Commissioner the arrangements for the organization and conduct of the elections to the Legislative Assembly;