

An international seminar took place in the spring of 1995 in Hull under the heading, "Democracy, Rule of Law and Development: Future Prospects for Togo," with representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs actively participating. The seminar was an initiative of the Togolese Community of Canada. Attending the event were members of the Togolese diaspora from all parts of the world.

At the Human Rights Commission held in Geneva in March 1995, Canada opposed unsuccessfully the transfer of consideration of the situation in Togo from item 12 to item 21 (Advisory Services and Technical Assistance) of the Commission's agenda.

During his meeting with the Heads of State and Governments of countries using French as a common language, Prime Minister Chrétien expressed his concern over the fragility of the democratization process in Africa, and the efforts to strengthen it.

Canadian cooperative projects in Togo stress community development, and focus on women and underprivileged groups. Our approach is similar to that of the European Union. The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, headquartered in Montreal, has placed Togo on its priority list for Africa.