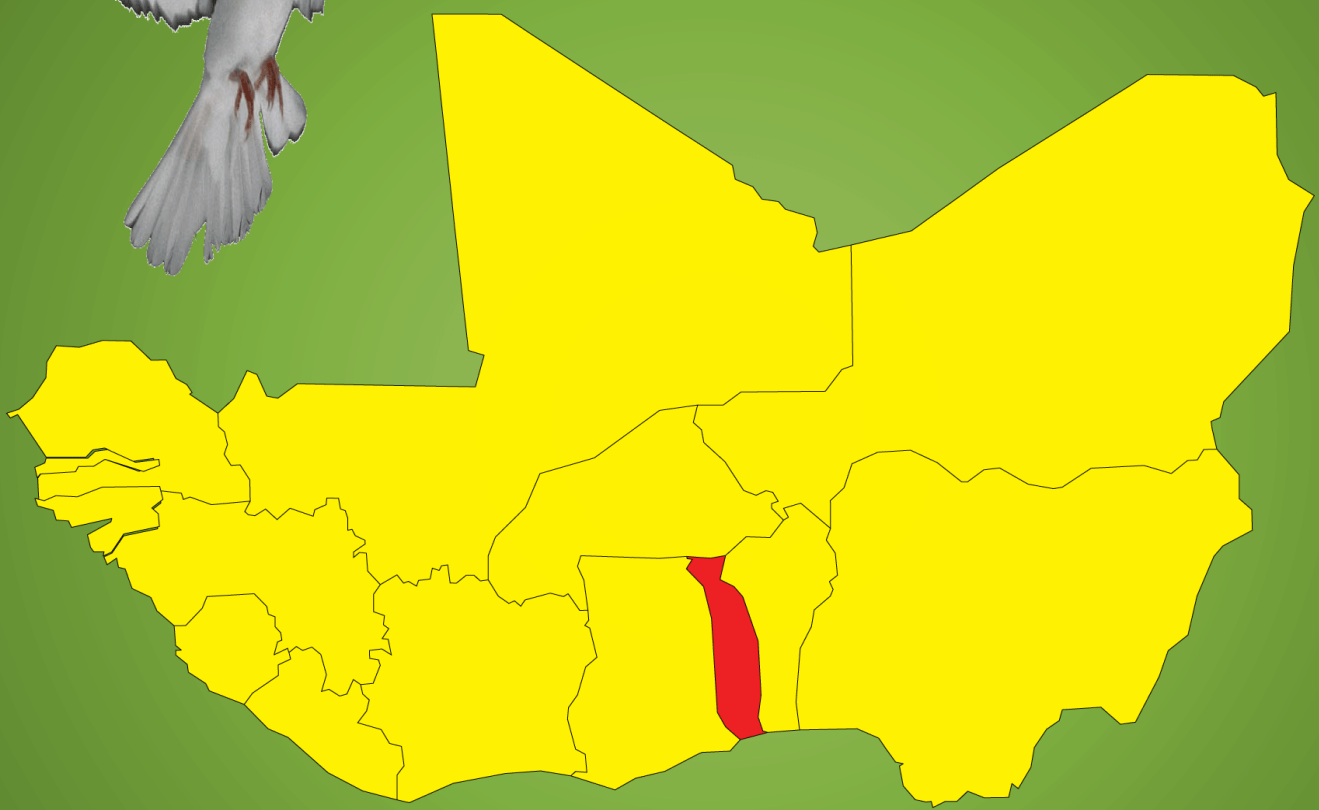




Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa
Programme des Relations Islamo-Chrétiennes en Afrique



RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN TOGO

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN TOGO

We, Christian and Muslim Religious Leaders of Togo, gathered under the auspices of the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA); hosted by the PROCMURA Area Committee under the Christian Council of Togo, at a conference held at the Concordia Hotel in Lomé, Togo from 19th to 21st July 2010; having deliberated on the key theme of '*Christians and Muslims for Peace and Reconciliation in Togo*'.

Having deliberated on the following sub-themes:

- The prevention of conflicts, peace and reconciliation
- Challenges and hopes for peace and reconciliation in Togo: the role of religious leaders
- Peace and reconciliation from the Biblical perspective and the involvement of Christian leaders in peace initiatives in Togo.
- Peace and reconciliation from the Qur'anic perspective and the involvement of Muslim leaders in peace initiatives in Togo.

Considering the pressing need for Christians and Muslims in Togo to together lead and take urgent actions for reconciliation and peace in our country;

Considering the objectives of PROCMURA in its 50 years of work in Africa, the current and future challenges the organisation faces and efforts put forth in the sector of training religious leaders on conflict prevention, peace and reconciliation;

Conscious that religion, religious differences and mutual ignorance of each other's religion have been exploited for political, economic, social and personal reasons, occasioning the deaths of thousands of our brothers and sisters, and the destruction of property in some countries in the West Africa sub-region

Considering the political will of the Togolese Government to work for truth, justice and reconciliation, and peace manifest by the creation of an appropriate commission to deal with the issues

Having understood and accepted that as religious leaders we, at all times, have to be agents of justice, peace and reconciliation, and also be examples to our followers and the community in our everyday behaviour.

Reaffirming our will and determination to continue to be united, one with the other for the sustenance of lasting peace

Recognising that Islam and Christianity are the two principal religions in Togo and represent millions of believers

Adopt the following resolutions:

To respect and appreciate the religious values, beliefs and practices of one another

To take a firm stand as members of PROCMURA, Togo, alongside our brothers and sisters of the Muslim community to ensure that we faithfully work towards forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in conformity with our respective Holy Scriptures and tenets of our faiths.

To organise seminars and educate our youth in our renewed resolve.

To pray for the restoration and the consolidation of peace in our country. We commit ourselves to be in solidarity with the Commission on Truth, Justice and Reconciliation, in accomplishing their very noble mission, for the well-being of all.

We encourage the PROCMURA Central Office in Nairobi, Kenya, to step up its efforts in the training of theologians from the two principal religions, so that they can widen their reach to lay men and women to better face the challenges of the times in Christian-Muslim relations.

Commit ourselves to hold regular interreligious meetings with the aim of fruitful interactions for the well-being of all.

We call on religious leaders to be neutral in partisan politics in order to ensure that we play an effective role as agents of peace, justice and reconciliation.

We call on members of our respective religions to support the efforts of one another so as to promote peace in the society and peaceful coexistence and to avoid being susceptible to negative influences which promote conflicts

We call on the government and political leaders of our dear country to practice good and responsible governance that guarantees justice for a peaceful climate in our country.

We appreciate and thank PROCMURA which organised this seminar for religious leaders and encourage them to continue in the same vein.

We religious leaders having adopted this Communiqué, reiterate our commitment to continue to work together to promote positive religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence towards reconciliation and peace.

