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### Togo - ICFTU roundly condemns coup

Brussels, 10 February 2005 (ICFTU Online): With the political climate in Togo remaining unstable, the ICFTU today condemned the coup which took place in the West African country at the weekend.

The military coup, which saw Faure Gnassingb   installed as head of state following the death of his father General Eyadema, has prompted widespread criticism in international circles and by the African Union (AU). The ICFTU supported calls made by the AU for authorities in Togo to renew their respect for the country's constitution - changed retroactively to legitimatise the appointment. In roundly condemning the undemocratic transfer of power, African leaders also urged Togo's authorities to hold elections and ensure a democratic transfer of power. The AU said that it would contemplate sanctions against the coup leaders if the government continued to assume power unconstitutionally.

Echoing the statements made by its regional organisation for Africa - ICFTU-AFRO - the ICFTU called upon the AU to urge the armed forces in Togo to reverse the move as quickly as possible (<http://www.icftu.org/displaydocument.asp?Index=991221260&Language=EN>).

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