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MINUTES ON
THE REVIEW MEETING
ON THE FINNISH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
TO THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)
DAR ES SALAAM, MARCH 31, 1992

The Review meeting between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (FINNIDA) and the ANC on the Finnish Humanitarian Assistance for the year 1992 took place on March 31, 1992 in Dar es Salaam.

The Finnish Delegation, headed by Mr. Kari Karanko, Ambassador of Finland, included:

Ms. Raili Lahnalampi, Second Secretary
Ms. Sinikka Sipilä, Project Leader, Finnish Library Association
Mr. Sulo Mölläri, Project Leader, Workers' Educational Association

The ANC Delegation, headed by Mr. Henri Makgothi, Administrative Secretary included:

Mr. Henry Chiliza, Chief Representative, ANC Dar es Salaam
Ms. Toto Abrahams, Programme Officer, ANC Johannesburg
Mr. Isaac Makopo, Director Mazimbu/Dakawa settlements
Mr. Zwelake Mankazana, Project Co-ordinator, ANC Mazimbu

Apologies: T.T. Nkobi, Treasurer General of ANC
V. Khanyile, Head of Finance

GENERAL

Ambassador Karanko opened the meeting and welcomed the ANC delegation.

In his opening statement Mr. Makgothi briefed the Finnish Delegation about the economic and political situation in South Africa. He emphasized that the problems are still the same and additional difficulties have emerged due to the severe drought and new wave of violence, which is the major problem at the moment. He said that de Klerk after the referendum is not moving as fast as ANC had expected and that ANC's aim is to have the Constitutional Assembly established by the end of the year.

Mr. Karanko in his opening statement wished that in the meeting an understanding on the future of the ongoing FINNIDA-financed projects would be reached. Mr. Karanko welcomed the result of the recent referendum in South Africa and pointed out that the result was to be seen as a victory for the democratic process in South Africa. Karanko also took up the planned visit of the President of ANC, Mr. Nelson Mandela to the Nordic Countries and emphasized the political importance and good timing of the visit. He further informed the ANC delegation on the plans of Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, Secretary of State, to visit Botswana, South Africa and Namibia in the near future.

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OVERALL SITUATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

Handing over of the settlements:

Mr. Makopo briefed the meeting about the handing over of the settlements emphasising that the final aim was that the settlements should be given to the Tanzanian people, CCM being only a modality in this process. ANC's decision to hand over the camps by June 1992 is still accurate. The camps remain under ANC's control until the formal handing over has taken place and core group of 15 ANC people will stay in the settlements to administer the process. ANC hopes that the repatriation could be completed by 19th of April. There are, however, about 900 non-cleared refugees and some will probably stay in Tanzania even after 19th of April. ANC is in the process of rehabilitating the camps so that they can be handed over in an operational state. According to the agreement between ANC and CCM a Joint Committee, which is different from the existing Task Force, will work out proposals for the future use of the camps.

Mr. Karanko expressed Finnida's concern and disapproval of the handing over of the camps to a political party CCM. He requested that the Embassy would be officially informed on the process of the actual handing over the camps to the Tanzanian Government and the tasks of the Joint Committee.

Assessment and transfer of the property

Mr. Makopo told the meeting that the Assessment Committee had started its work. Preliminary report had been produced, but so far no final decisions have been taken as to which property will be transferred, sold and which will remain in the camps. ANC wishes to leave the settlements in operational state so that Tanzania can continue to operate the institutions, thus also loose assets will be left behind. In this respect it was emphasized by ANC that it would be helpful if ANC would know for what purposes the VTC (Vocational Training School) will be used in the future.

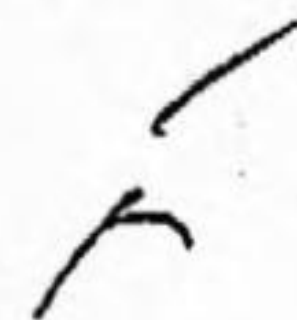

Mr. Karanko expressed as FINNIDA's view that the settlements should be handed over as operational as possible to Tanzania. Mr. Karanko proposed that the property which was to be sold would be sold by auction as it will be administratively almost impossible for the Government of Tanzania to get rid of equipment and materials not valid for the future use of the camps.

SECTORAL REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION SECTOR

A) Vocational Training School, Dakawa

Mr. Mölläri reported on the current situation in the camps (see enclosure). The ANC informed that all training programmes will be closed by April 1, 1992. The assessment of the property of VTC



will be done after that. ANC requested that the Finnish personnel would remain in order to help in the assessment and some other duties. ANC also made a request for scholarships for the students who may continue their studies in similar Tanzanian institutions as VTC.

It was regretted by FINNIDA side that the students who had started the training at VTC were not allowed to complete their studies at VTC. Mr Karanko informed that FINNIDA accepted ANC's decision to close the VTC and consequently was obliged to withdraw its teaching personnel. It was noted that one of the project personnel will stay in the VTC until the end of June.

IT WAS AGREED:

That the teaching in VTC would cease April 1, 1992. Finnida would consider the proposal to leave one expert in the VTC project until 30 June 1992 to help in the handing over of the project. Finnida will consider the scholarship application for remaining students in similar Tanzanian vocational institutions once proposal is received from ANC Headquarters. The completion of unfinished construction will be discussed between ANC and the project leader.



B) Library

Ms. Sipilä briefed the meeting on the latest developments (see enclosure). The ANC side stated that they consider the Library as part of Somafco and hoped that the services of the Library could continue for the future use of the camp. Concerning the materials the ANC referred to the Assessment Committee and bilateral meetings held with the project personnel and added that no final decision on the transfer of the material has been made, except the archives. ANC said that the Dakawa VTC library would need to continue its services if a similar Tanzanian vocational school would start operating in Dakawa.

It was stressed by the Finnish side that the use of the Library would depend on the use of the Mazimbu settlement and if not appropriate then materials should be transferred to other usage. Finnida hoped that ANC would take into consideration also the views expressed by the Finnish Library Association concerning the future use of the Library and its materials.

IT WAS AGREED:

That the Library project would continue until 30 June in order to facilitate the handing over of the project. Ms. Sipilä would be closely consulted by the Joint Committee concerning the future use of the Library. The scholarship programme would continue according to the individual study plans made for the ANC students.



4. HEALTH

The meeting was briefed by the Finnish side about the current status for the medical purchases and it was noted that the current balance was about NOK 350 065, minus clearing costs for purchases from Nairobi, still to be delivered to Dar es Salaam.

IT WAS AGREED:

That ANC would make a detailed request for the medical needs until June 30, 1992. The request will be based on the remaining ANC personnel and volume of medical services offered by the hospital and dispensary.

Zambia: ANC informed the meeting that the clinic and dental unit were at the same state as in February. They were being assessed and then handed over to the Government of Zambia. The Government would then decide to which institution it donates the units.

ANC informed that the report from NAMDA as well as NCCR was expected in a near future.

5. DAILY NECESSITIES

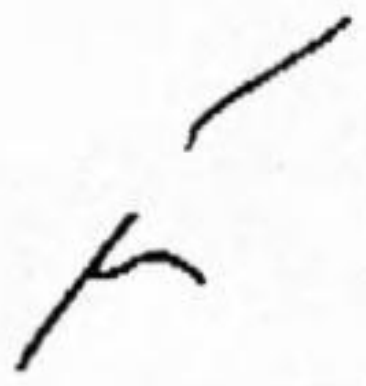

ANC reported that the distribution of the daily necessities had been altered, some units were allocated cash for purchase of goods others were provided with food. ANC requested if it was possible to receive further assistance for daily necessities.

The Finnish side noted that some VTC project funds had been used for purchases of daily necessities. It was further noted that ANC's request for assistance for daily necessities should be made based on the real needs of the camps as stated above.

IT WAS AGREED:

That ANC would prepare a detailed list of needs for daily necessities for the remaining period, until 30 June 1992.

ZAMBIA: Material assistance: ANC promised to come back later with a report on the balance and disposal of the material assistance, which was R 123 000 according the minutes of the meeting in February.



6. ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

ANC stated that there was very little to report on the activities, they were still waiting for the response from Finnida to the project proposal made during the last meeting in February in Johannesburg.

The Finnish side promised to contact FINNIDA on this issue.

7. PRODUCTIVE UNITS

Zambia farm; ANC had no new information on the sale of the farm.

IT WAS AGREED:

That both parties would seek information on this issue from their respective offices in Lusaka.

Furniture Factory:

Mr. Karanko explained that although this project was not part of the humanitarian assistance to ANC, but an NGO project, it was felt from Finnida's side that it would be appropriate to discuss the matter as far as the handing over was concerned.

ANC told that they are considering three alternatives:

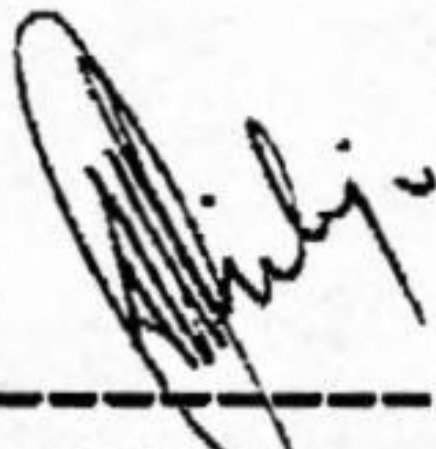
- to keep it ANC owned,
- to have a joint venture or to hand it over to Tanzania
- ANC is interested to continue to run it as an ANC entity.

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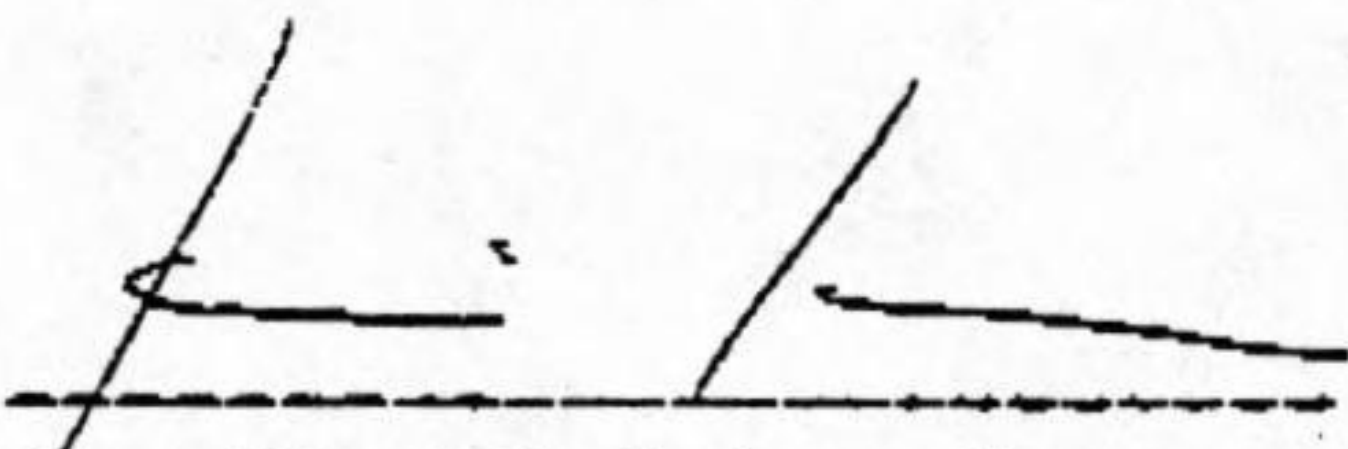
Mr. Karanko thanked the ANC delegation for the smooth and friendly meeting and suggested that the minutes of the meeting would be forwarded to Chief Representative for approval.

Mr. Makgothi on ANC delegation's behalf thanked for the productive, helpful and warm meeting. He thanked Finnida for its long assistance to ANC and added that especially the support to VTC was appreciated very much.

Done in duplicate in the English language in Dar es Salaam on 31 March 1992.



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