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#### REPORT ON VISIT TO HARARE

As part of the Batlagae Trust's mandate to oversee ANC students in other countries, I made a brief visit to Harare from 11th to 13th September 1994.

Numerous complaints were received from ANC scholars in Zimbabwe about their bursaries, many questioning the way the former Education Officer, Peter Kane, conducted scholarship matters. I met with NPA representatives (both Johannesburg and Harare) and it became clear that the financial management of the SIDA/NPA scholarship Programme was far from satisfactory. For instance, cheques made out of students had been cashed by Peter Kane or banked into a separate bank account. We agreed to commission an investigation into the financial management of the scholarship programme with the help of NPA's auditors in Harare.

If the financial investigation by NPA's auditors confirms that the allegations of fraud are indeed substantiated, then we strongly recommend legal proceedings against Peter Kane.

I met with the Director and Programme Officer of World Vision International (WVI) , accompanied by Sipho Nhlapo, the ANC's Regional Treasurer in Zimbabwe. Here again there seems to be serious mismanagement, with the alteration of student lists, as a result of which students found themselves without scholarships. There were duplicate claims for college fees, even though NPA had paid some of the fees. Also, claims for students who had left Zimbabwe.

We agreed to provide World Vision International with a list of bona fide students requiring assistance to complete their courses. The Director of WI agreed to carry out an investigation into the financial management of the WVI/ANC Scholarship Programme.

John Samuel wrote to Peter Kane in June 1994 and copied the Chief Representative, Kingsley Mamabolo, informing him that his post was being discontinued and that he' 5 services would no longer be required. In spite of this, Peter Kane continued administering the WVI budget and continued to make claims for non-existent students, etc. Neither he nor Kingsley Mamabolo informed WVI about John Samuel's directive. Indeed, Kingsley Mamabolo wrote to WI on 27/07/94, stating that WVI should " continue your liaison with Mr. Peter Kane".

NPA representatives, Sipho Nhlapo and Mohamed Tikly had a meeting with 21 students on September 13th 1994. Peter Kane had been invited to the meeting but declined to come. See his letter, which is attached.

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The students complained bitterly about the arbitrary and unfair way in which the scholarship programme had been and was being handled and most cited serious allegations against Peter Kane. Copies of letters submitted by some students will be made available to the secretary-General's Office.

Both NPA and WVI agreed to give sympathetic consideration to supporting students who were inexplicably removed from their lists by Peter Kane. On the basis of this, the 28 students remaining in Zimbabwe will be sponsored to the end of their studies. However, no new students will be sponsored, nor students who wish to continue with another course of study. I made an appointment with Peter Kane to obtain a report from him about the scholarship Programme and to request that he should hand over all relevant documentation that is the property of the ANC Department of Education. He failed to keep the appointment, and, as stated above, failed to come to the meeting with students. My letter to him dated 12/09/94 refers.

I had brief meetings with the Lutheran World Federation and Imbisa, two NGO's which sponsored ANC students in Zimbabwe. Siphso Nhlapo agreed to continue investigating the management of their scholarship programmes for ANC students.

On the basis of my consultations in Harare I recommend:-

1. A meeting of representatives of the SGO, TGO, DIA and DOE to consider this Report, Siphso Nhlapo's Report and the NPA Report referred to above.
2. An urgent consultation with Kingsley Mamabolo regarding ANC students in Zimbabwe and Peter Kane's management of educational matters there.

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