

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Cde Toto Abrahams, Program Officer, Finance Dept.  
FR: Mohamed Hussein, Chief Rep Finland  
DT: 15/10/91

Had meeting with Schalin/Finnida today. Note following points in preparation for your discussions with Embassy on Thursday.

1. VTC

Due to incorporation of furniture and leather workshops into VTC, the respective NGOs (TSL and Taksvärrki) have held discussions entailing a revision of the VTC budget for 1991/2/3. New budgets herewith. These require our approval and should be formally indicated to the Finns at the meeting. Note that the budget alterations leave an excess of 896 000 FIM for 1991 which must be utilised this year for other mutually agreed purposes.

2. Library

Refer Tikly/Education Dept on this matter. Finnida agrees in principle to finance trip to Mazimbu by someone to sort out archives and bring these back to South Africa. The implementing agency will be the Finnish Library Association. The funds will be skimmed from the overall 1991-3 library budget as it is expected that the agreed allocations will be less in view of repatriation. Finnida keen to see our costed proposal and would like activity to be accomplished this year to facilitate their internal work.

3. ANC Office in Helsinki

Vital that we impress on Finnish delegation that ANC wishes to continue with its office here and a budget for 1992 will be prepared in due course. Please ensure somebody from leadership is on hand to brief them about political situation

4. Health

Problem with doctors' attachment program. We agreed that NCCR should be the implementing agency but they appear reluctant to provide the financial reports and feedback that Finnida requires. Is there an alternative implementing agency? If money cannot be used for agreed purpose this year then we should suggest alternative repatriation activities as Finnida not keen on carrying forward large sums of money (their activities are closely monitored by the press here and unutilised funds are often reported with negative consequences for the agency).

## 5. Repatriation activities

The 79 000 allocated has still to be utilised.

## 6. Travel and other costs

Approx. 180 0000 FIM still remains undisbursed on this component. Has Cde Tikly re-sent request via Finance Dept for reimbursement of his ticket Copenhagen-Helsinki-Rome?

7. Finnida keen that we use all allocations set aside for 1991.

Left over for 1991:

VTC(refer 1 above) .....	896 000 FIM
Repatriation activities .....	79 000
Travel costs .....	180 000
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In addition to the above it is possible that there will be some funds left over for 1991 from the library project as well as NPA's activities re material purchases in East Africa. Schalin will try to obtain these figures and give them to the Finnish delegation for thursday.

I suggest that we utilise the unused funds for repatriation activities as Finnida has already agreed in principle to fund these. Entirely new proposals will either meet with a negative response or be subjected to lengthy and bureaucratic decision making processes which result in the funds not being disbursed this year.

## 8. Future proposals

Can we give an indication to the delegation what new proposals we have for 1992? Bear in mind that the Finns will not fund any specific ANC organisational/administrative/political activities and usually insist on "acceptable" implementing agencies.

Good luck and let me know the outcome of your discussions.