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SUMMARY RECORD  
OF THE MEETING ON THE FINNISH HUMANITARIAN  
ASSISTANCE TO THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
(ANC) OF SOUTH AFRICA

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## 1. GENERAL

The meeting between FINNIDA and the African National Congress was held in the Finnish Embassy office in Lusaka on Tuesday July 31, 1990 at 0900 hours.

This meeting having been called to review the 1990 activities in readiness for the mid-year review planned for the end of the year was a working meeting.

Ms. S. Toro welcomed the ANC team to the meeting, adding that FINNIDA was noting the development on the South African situation with interest and wished the ANC well. Both ANC and FINNIDA had a mutual objective, that of ending apartheid in South Africa. It was now encouraging that success was in sight.

Mr. Kay Moonsamy welcomed Ms. Toro and wished her success in her new post. ANC appreciated the assistance and support FINNIDA was rendering to ease the struggle.

## 2. REVIEW OF THE 1990 ACTIVITIES

### 2.1. EDUCATION SECTOR

#### 2.1.1. LIBRARY PROJECT

FINNIDA reported that there was a new expert at Mazimbu and the two experts who were there would be leaving for Finland in December. The preparations for the next phase of the Dakawa project could start, if the ANC gives the final clearance. So far FIM 1,000,000 had been spent and there remained FIM 520,000. FINNIDA reported that the Finnish Library Society intended to send an architect to visit Dakawa in the second week of August. The ANC in turn, reported that at a recent meeting in Dar es Salaam ANC had given their consent for this Programme and agreed on the extent of the development plan for Dakawa library. It was noted that the balance available for this project was FIM 320,336, which would be used for starting the construction during 1990.

#### 2.1.2. VOCATIONAL TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME AT DAKAWA

The ANC reported that it had been agreed with ILO that they initiate a process of identifying an experienced and competent Administrator for the VTC at Dakawa. ILO were also in the process of identifying instructors to be appointed by the ANC. The ANC would in the meantime have to find counterparts among their own cadres, and ILO was to communicate with UNDP to ensure that funds remain available for this programme. Meanwhile vocational training teachers



continued to be sent to existing colleges in East Africa.

#### Bricklaying Shed

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It was noted that plans were in progress.

#### Minibus

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The minibus was expected in Dar es Salaam at the end of August.

It was noted that the ANC was pleased with the progress of the VTC Project on the lines recommended by FINNIDA. However, in line with recent developments in South Africa, this project will have to be scaled down considerably and not be as large as originally planned.

### 2.1.3 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The ANC reported that the Scholarship Committee had already selected some candidates and letters of notification had already been sent to successful candidates. FINNIDA requested that the scholarship process be expedited and FINNIDA be kept informed of the progress i.e. the numbers of candidates and the courses to be undertaken. The ANC also pointed out the necessity to expand the scholarship programme, since people continue to be exiled from South Africa.

With regard to the technical assistance, FINNIDA informed the meeting that the Workers' Educational Association (TSL) had identified an expert to visit Dakawa, make a survey and prepare a project document for technical support.

### 2.1.4 EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR MATERIALS

The ANC gave its approval for the list of Extracurricular materials which had been sent from Finland and agreed that all materials be purchased from Finland, as it would be difficult to obtain some in Dar es Salaam as originally planned.

### 2.1.5. NEW REQUEST

The ANC requested for support to purchase a fax machine for the education department in Lusaka to ease communication problems.

FINNIDA advised that this request should be prepared and presented at the next meeting as it was a new request not covered under the current activities and funds might not be available.



## 2.2. HEALTH SECTOR

### 2.2.1. VEHICLES

FINNIDA reported that the two vehicles had been purchased and paid. One had already been delivered to ANC and the other was confirmed to be in Dar es Salaam being cleared through customs and should be in Lusaka within two weeks.

FINNIDA wanted to be informed on the utilization plan for the two vehicles. ANC briefed the meeting on the transportation needs of the community health outreach programme in Zambia where the two vehicles would be very useful, especially for the purpose of AIDS education.

### 2.2.2. MATERIAL SUPPLIES

It was noted that FINNIDA had already received ANC clearance to purchase the materials in Finland as per list from the Government Purchasing Centre. On the required specifications for the Educational Projector and Air Conditioner, it was agreed that the ANC would provide information on models which conform to Zambian specifications to facilitate maintenance. The ANC requested that all items on the list be sent to Tanzania excepting projectors, laboratory equipment and air conditioner.

Following FINNIDA's concern on transporting all the materials to Lusaka, including those intended for Dakawa and Mazimbu, the ANC outlined problems of thefts and damage that had been experienced in customs clearance and delivery of goods at Dar es Salaam Port. This had compelled them to make the decision to transport the goods to Lusaka and despatch them back to Dar es Salaam by road. The ANC, however, accepted that in the future, materials could be consigned directly to Dar es Salaam provided safe delivery was assured. They therefore requested FINNIDA to inquire whether the Finnish Embassy in Dar es Salaam could assist in this process. The ANC further pointed out that airfreight was preferred to sea shipment to avoid long delays resulting in drugs expiring before or shortly after delivery.

The ANC reported that the Dental Clinic building had been completed and the equipment provided by FINNIDA could now be installed. FINNIDA inquired about the decision of the ANC concerning the feasibility study on a dental instructor. The ANC did not find it necessary to hire a consultant to carry out a feasibility study to assess the necessity for a dental instructor, since the need was very obvious as per available information from clinical registers. It was strongly felt by the ANC that there was need for dental



attendants to alleviate the situation. The meeting agreed that ANC should prepare and submit a request providing the statistical information for forwarding to FINNIDA in Finland.

It was noted that if the supplies were airfreighted and the Dental Programme effected, the entire allocation for the Health Sector would be exhausted.

### 2.3. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

#### 2.3.1. DAILY NEEDS

FINNIDA reported that all the five commodities i.e. cake flour, sugar, dental cream, washing soap and cooking oil had been ordered. Deliveries for soap and dental creams had been completed whereas cooking oil had been partly delivered. The ANC was following up the rest. After settling the bills for these commodities, the FIM 1.7 m would be exhausted. The ANC intended to utilize the 306,000 FIM carried over from 1989 to purchase clothing locally within Zambia. They were therefore securing proforma invoices which would be submitted soon for approval.

#### 2.3.2. CONSTRUCTION

FINNIDA informed the meeting that construction of the first phase of the warehouse had been completed and that the second phase of installing security measures, tiles and ceiling boards in the office block had already started. After the completion of the warehouse there would be about 300-400,000 FIM balance, which could be used to purchase some warehouse equipment.

### 2.4. AGRICULTURE

The list of agricultural supplies, which ANC had submitted to FINNIDA had been approved with the exception of fuel. ANC reported that proforma invoices were being collected and would be ready soon for approval. All requirements would be purchased locally.

FINNIDA pointed out that all the 150,000 FIM for the agricultural sector would be utilized through these purchases. FINNIDA complemented the ANC for a very good effort on developing a productive and impressive farm as witnessed by a recent visit there.

### 2.5. TRAVEL/CONSULTANCIES/CONTINGENCIES

The ANC would submit a request to carry forward the balance of FIM for 1990 should there be no need to utilize this



amount during the year.

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 3.1. DONOR CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SALAAM

The ANC reported that due to the overwhelming interest shown by many more Donor and other International Agencies than had been anticipated, now amounting to 150, the ANC had found it necessary to postpone the conference from October to between November and February to facilitate sufficient preparations.

The ANC also required sufficient time to carry out consultations with groups within South Africa to be able to prepare a strategy of development within South Africa for presentation to the Donor Community.

Although the Donor Conference would mainly focus on the internal situation, and the eminent transfer of the ANC Headquarters to Johannesburg, it was very clear from the continued flow of people out of South Africa arising from recent events (700 people between February and July this year) that projects outside South Africa would continue for many years.

#### 3.2. REVIEW AND ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS MEETINGS

The meeting discussed the possibility of the Finnish/ANC Annual Consultations to take place following the Donor Conference. It therefore suggested that a further review meeting should take place in Lusaka on October 30 and 31, 1990. Participants should include representatives from Helsinki and Dar es Salaam.

#### 3.3. ANC OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT IN DAR ES SALAAM

ANC inquired about FINNIDA's response to an earlier request for proposed participation in the Nordic funding of the construction of an ANC office block in Dar es Salaam that would eventually serve as the South African Embassy in Tanzania. FINNIDA informed that the request had been forwarded to Helsinki and it was going to be discussed at FINNIDA Headquarters in September.

#### 3.4. RECORDING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The meeting agreed that the minutes of the meeting would be signed by both parties.

### 4. CLOSING OF THE MEETING



Both the ANC and FINNIDA expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the meeting was conducted and the smooth working relationship existing between both parties.

The meeting closed at 10.35 hours.

Signed this *27* day of August, 1990, in Lusaka

For and on behalf of  
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