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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Uraia Trust's activities in Kenya

Reference is made to the previous report dated 29 June 2023 regarding unauthorized cash withdrawals on a grant to Uraia Trust, which implements its activities through a number of sub-partners with the aim of enhancing civil society participation, engagement, and oversight. DKK 90 million has been granted to Uraia for the period 2021-2025, of which DKK 89,655,104 has been disbursed. Of this amount, a total of DKK 175,000 was disbursed to the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA), a bipartisan caucus that brings together young Kenyan parliamentarians.

In May 2023, allegations arose regarding suspicion of unauthorized cash withdrawals from the KYPA's project bank account. It was established that two unprocedural withdrawals of project funds took place without the knowledge of the entity's Chief Executive Officer, and in violation of their internal financial procedures. The amount under suspicion is DKK 88,600.

Two key officials resigned as a result of the case. They were officials elected to provide oversight of KYPA and are not employees. The case was reported to the Speaker of the National Assembly who oversees KYPA. A total of DKK 68,964 has been refunded in the period January 2024 to November 2025. The follow-up also includes efforts to secure a full refund of the amount under suspicion and to hold those that misappropriated the funds accountable. A separate bank account has been opened for donor funds to safeguard the funds in the future. Finally, a committee of members was constituted to review the KYPA's constitution to enhance the institution's accountability measures.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has engaged the Kenyan Auditor General on the case. Subsequently, the persons who have misappropriated the funds met with the Speaker and agreed that they would refund the misappropriated funds.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.