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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to CISU activities in Colombia and Ecuador

Reference is made to the previous report dated 30 June 2025 regarding suspicions of irregularities on a grant to Oxfam Denmark in cooperation with a local sub partner, Coordinadora de Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA), under Civil Society in Development (CISU)'s pooled fund. DKK 2,249,807 has been disbursed to Oxfam Denmark for the period 2022-2023, of which DKK 1,167,876 has been disbursed to COICA.

The suspected irregularities were based on an audit in 2023, where undocumented expenses and unexplained debt were discovered. In addition, an ongoing case of fraud against COICA was discovered, in which several project accounts had been emptied.

Oxfam Denmark has been working with COICA and auditors to investigate whether COICA was able to document all the costs they had reported in their financial report on the project. COICA has been cooperative, and the outcome is that the audit team has declared all the reported costs as duly documented and eligible. When comparing this with the narrative report, it was concluded that COICA has delivered the expected activities and results. Regarding the persons suspected of committing the fraud, the investigation concluded that no fund related to the project with Oxfam Denmark was involved. Oxfam DK, therefore, does not have a continued stake in the case. However, Oxfam Denmark have decided not to continue any future partnerships with COICA.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed without loss of Danish funds.