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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to IMS's activities under the M-MIIND project in Moldova

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to International Media Support (IMS), which cooperates with the local media organisation, Nord-Media, providing short-term emergency support under the M-MIIND project. DKK 129,941.45 has been granted and disbursed for the period 1 April 2025 - 31 May 2025.

IMS received an anonymous report with broad allegations concerning a senior employee in Nord-Media, specifically referencing possible misappropriation of funds intended for salary payments, as well as citing repeated delays in the distribution of those salaries.

The amount under suspicion has not yet been determined.

IMS conducted a preliminary assessment of the allegations to determine their credibility and requested additional information from the whistleblower. None of the requested information has been received to date.

IMS has conducted an initial review of the partner's financial reports, identifying some ambiguities in supporting documentation. Despite these, all supporting documents were available, and the salary expenses budgeted under IMS projects were paid via traceable bank transfers to employees. The report of this initial review will be shared with the local auditors for further analysis. Notably, the Danish-funded partner contract has already undergone an independent audit, which found no irregularities. IMS concluded that further audit procedures were warranted and has formally engaged local independent auditors.

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