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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Rivonia Circle's activities in South Africa

Reference is made to the previous report dated 6 May 2026 regarding suspicions of irregularities concerning a grant to Rivonia Circle. DKK 800,000 was granted for the period December 2023 – November 2024, of which DKK 477,018 has been disbursed to date.

After consulting another research organisation in the South African network, the Danish Embassy was able to receive the (telephone) contact details of the Rivonia Circle Executive Director and make direct contact. Further investigation, including a direct meeting with Rivonia Circle and communication with the project's auditing firm, concluded that the disbursed funds amounting to DKK 477,018 had not been subject to the correct audit procedure, as agreed between the Embassy of Denmark and Rivonia Circle.

Rivonia Circle explained that they had not been able to implement all planned activities and that they are willing to repay unspent funds.

Following an assessment of the budget and supporting documentation provided by Rivonia Circle, the Danish Embassy assessed that some of the funds could legitimately be claimed as project expenses, provided that further documentation is submitted. Other expenses listed in the budget cannot be claimed by Rivonia Circle, as the corresponding funds were neither approved nor audited in accordance with the agreed procedures.

The Danish Embassy is continuing its dialogue with Rivonia Circle to obtain further documentation for all expenses listed in the budget and to determine the amount of funds to be repaid to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

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