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Dear Ms Trotter

RE: NOF DIGITISATION

I write further to your letter, with enclosures, dated 14 February to provide you with feedback on the documents you submitted in relation to Cinenova's digitisation project.

I should first say that the Fund is, in general, pleased with the way proposals for the roll out of the project are progressing. There are however two areas about which the Fund will require further information.

The first is in relation to the future plans for Cinenova as an organisation. I am aware that the Cinenova Board is in discussions with other women's arts groups and that these discussions are in their early stages. I also acknowledge that Cinenova has said that it will keep the Fund updated of any future developments. That said, I wonder whether it would be possible to provide the Fund with a timetable of events and an indication of when a decision about the future of the organisation is likely to be made? It might help if I explain why any future developments to the constitution of Cinenova are important to the Fund.

As matters stand, Cinenova has signed a contract with the Fund to produce a digitisation project at a cost to the Fund of £76,750. Any changes to the constitution of Cinenova might mean that that contract becomes void and a new contract would need to be issued. I would add that the Fund would not necessarily view this as a major concern and would suggest it is a possibility that needs to be recognised.

The Fund also needs reassurance about the long term future of Cinenova (or any successor organisation). To this end the Fund would need evidence that core funding for the organisation had been secured for at least the lifetime of the NOF funded project. Obviously this is to ensure that the digitisation project and the three year monitoring period are completed. Moreover, the Fund needs to be confident that funding provided to produce the

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