



**Before:** Duty Judge

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

MAITREL

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER ON MOTION FOR  
SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS**

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### **Introduction**

1. By an incomplete application filed on 28 July 2022, the Applicant, a staff member of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”), contests the decision to deny his claim for compensation for a service-incurred injury under Appendix D of the UN Staff Rules, and seeks damages for the Administration’s delay of approximately 15 years in reaching its decision.
2. Following its completion, the application was served on the Respondent with a deadline to reply set to 5 September 2022.
3. By a motion filed on 22 August 2022, the parties jointly advised the Tribunal that they had agreed to engage in informal settlement discussions with a view to amicably resolve the matter. They thus requested suspension of the proceedings for an initial period of one month and, accordingly, an extension of the deadline for the filing of the Respondent’s reply.

### **Consideration**

4. Noting that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution, the Tribunal commands the efforts made by the parties to seek an amicable settlement of their dispute.
5. Considering that art. 10.1 of the Tribunal’s Statute allows it to suspend proceedings at the request of the parties for a time to be specified by it in writing, the Tribunal thus grants the parties’ request.

### **Conclusion**

6. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
  - a. The proceedings in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/028 be suspended until **Thursday, 22 September 2022** to allow the parties to seek an amicable settlement of their dispute;

b. If a settlement agreement is reached within this period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall subsequently confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn; or

c. If no settlement is reached within the prescribed period, the Respondent shall file his reply by **Wednesday, 5 October 2022**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge)

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022

Entered in the Register on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva