



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

MAITREL

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON FURTHER
SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Rebecca Britnell, UNHCR

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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. At the parties’ joint request dated 22 August 2022, the Tribunal ordered the suspension of proceedings before it until 22 September 2022 (see Order No. 82 (GVA/2022) of 24 August 2022).
4. By a motion filed on 22 September 2022, the parties jointly requested a further suspension of proceedings of one month to allow them to finalize the ongoing settlement discussions.

Consideration

5. In support of their motion, the parties submit that additional time is required to reach a settlement agreement and that “delays in the discussions on settlement have been caused by the necessity to consult with multiple stakeholders, given the nature of the contested decision”.
6. Having reviewed the parties’ submissions, considering the circumstances invoked by the parties, and for a fair and expedited disposal of the present case, the Tribunal considers it appropriate to grant the motion.

7. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The proceedings in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/028 be further suspended until **Monday, 24 October 2022** to allow the parties to finalize an amicable settlement of their dispute.

9. 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without delay, and the Applicant shall subsequently confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn; or

10. If no settlement is reached within the prescribed period, the Respondent shall file his reply by **Monday, 7 November 2022**.

(Signed)

Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge)

Dated this 23rd day of September 2022

Entered in the Register on this 23rd day of September 2022

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva