



**UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES**

Case No. 2010-181

Al Sayyed

v.

**Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and
Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
(UNRWA)
(Respondent)**

ORDER

Before:	Judge Sophia Adinyira, Duty Judge
Order No.:	40 (2011)
Date:	4 February 2011
Registrar:	Weicheng Lin

Counsel for Respondent: Thomas Markushewski

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FILE AN ANSWER

1. On 10 December 2010, the Registry of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal transmitted an appeal by Mohammad Diab Al Sayyed (Al Sayyed) to the UNRWA Commissioner-General, who received it on 13 December 2010. Under article 9 (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, the Respondent has 45 days within which to file an Answer, i.e., by 27 January 2011.
2. Under cover of an email dated 24 January 2011, the Commissioner-General requests extension of the time limit to file an answer by eight calendar days to 4 February 2011. The Commissioner-General explains that his representative must travel urgently to Beirut through the week of 24-28 January and to Amman early during the week of 31 January – 4 February. He noted that in the two weeks prior to the Christmas/New Years/Eastern Orthodox Christmas holidays, UNRWA received three appeals and managed to submit Answers to two of them despite the fact that many UNRWA staff were on leave during that period of holidays.
3. Under Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, “the President or the panel hearing a case may shorten or extend a time limit fixed by the rules of procedure or waive any rule when the interests of justice so require”.
4. I have considered the Commissioner-General's request. Given the need for his representative to travel to other countries and considering the brief period of extension requested, I decide to grant the request.

ORDER

5. For the foregoing reasons, I decide to grant the Commissioner-General's request for extension of eight calendar days until 4 February 2011 for filing an Answer. I instruct the Registry to attach a copy of this Order to UNRWA's Answer, if any.

Dated this 4th day of February 2011 in Accra, Ghana.

Original and authoritative version: English

(Signed)
Judge Sophia Adinyira,
Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 4th day of February 2011 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar