Case No. 2013-464

Oummih

(Applicant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations (Respondent)

ORDER No. 133 (2013)

- 1. On 8 March 2013, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva rendered two Judgments, No. UNDT/2013/043 and No. UNDT/2013/044, in French in the case of *Oummih v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. Ms. Amal Oummih intends to appeal both Judgments. Under Article 7(1) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal (Statute), she has 60 days, i.e., until 7 May 2013, to do so.
- 2. On 26 April 2013, Ms. Oummih filed a request for extension of the time limit to appeal. She requests that she be given a 30-day extension to 7 June 2013 to appeal Judgment No. UNDT/2013/044 and a 60-day extension to 7 July 2013 to appeal Judgment No. UNDT/2013/043. She explained that she had been on certified sick leave due to complications with her pregnancy from sometime in March through the end of April 2013, and that she needed time to find a replacement bilingual counsel to assist her in preparing her appeals. Subsequently, Ms. Oummih provided a medical certificate certifying that she was on sick leave from 2 April through 30 April 2013.
- 3. Under Article 7(3) of the Statute, "[t]he Appeals Tribunal may decide in writing, upon written request by the applicant, to suspend or waive the deadlines for a limited period of time and only in exceptional cases".

4. I am satisfied that the circumstances of the present case arising from Ms. Ourmih's complications with her pregnancy are exceptional. However, in view of the fact that her sick leave ended on 30 April 2013, I have decided to grant the present motion only in part. Ms. Ourmih will have 30 days to file her appeals, if any, calculating from 8 May 2013. They are now both due on 7 June 2013.

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Dated this 5th day of May 2013 in Accra, Ghana.

(Signed) Judge Sophia Adinyira, Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 6^{th} day of May 2013 in New York, United States.

(*Signed*) Weicheng Lin, Registrar