



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2014-564

Asariotis

(Applicant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 177 (2014)

1. On 19 November 2013, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva issued Judgment No. 2013/144 in *Asariotis v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. The Secretary-General appealed the Judgment on 20 January 2014 to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal). The appeal was transmitted to Ms. Regina Asariotis on 23 January 2014.

2. On 21 March 2014, Ms. Asariotis filed a “Motion for an Extension of Time to File an Answer and Cross-Appeal”. In support of her Motion, Ms. Asariotis contends that she underwent several surgeries and that, after extensive hospitalization, she is currently recovering at home. Attached to her Motion are three medical certificates which certify Ms. Asariotis’ sick leave for the total period of 12 December 2013 to 6 April 2014. Since Ms. Asariotis has been on certified sick leave for the entire period of time that the Statute allows for the submission of an answer and cross-appeal, she seeks a “corresponding extension of time” to submit her filings.

3. Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure (Rules) of the Appeals Tribunal, “the President or the panel hearing a case may shorten or extend the time limit fixed by the rules of procedure or waive any rule when the interests of justice so require”. While the Appeals Tribunal “has consistently held that it strictly enforces the various time limits

under its Statute and Rules”¹, I am satisfied that in this particular case, it is in the interests of justice to extend the time limit to file an answer to the appeal and cross-appeal.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Ms. Asariotis has 60 days to file her answer and cross-appeal, if any. The time limit shall start to run the day she returns from certified sick leave, i.e. 7 April 2014.

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Dated this 31st day of March 2014 in
New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Mary Faherty,
President

Entered in the Register on this 31st day of
March 2014 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar

¹ *Nyakossi v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 72 (2011), 3 November 2011.