



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case Nos. 2022-1746 & 2023-1775

Yassir Haroun

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 521 (2023)

1. The United Nations Appeals Tribunal (UNAT or Appeals Tribunal) is seized of two appeals by Mr. Yassir Haroun: the first appeal challenges interlocutory Order No. 157 (2022) and Order No. 158 (2022) (impugned Orders) issued by the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT or Dispute Tribunal) on 1 November 2022 and 4 November 2022, respectively; the second appeal challenges Judgment No. UNDT/2022/124 rendered on 17 November 2022 in the same UNDT case.
2. The events relevant to the present order may be summarized as follows.
3. On 15 February 2022, Mr. Haroun, a former Associate Human Resources Officer with the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), filed an application before the UNDT, contesting what he described as “8 outstanding claims for 4000 former UNAMID national staff members and the claims were refuted by UNAMID management on 28 August 2021”. He filed this application as a self-represented staff member.
4. On 5 October 2022, Mr. Haroun filed a Legal Representative Authorization Form notifying the UNDT that, going forward, he was going to be represented by counsel.
5. On 6 October 2022, the UNDT held a case management discussion at which the parties agreed, *inter alia*, that an oral hearing was not required in this case.

6. On 7 October 2022, the UNDT issued Order No. 146 (NBI/2022) in which Mr. Haroun was, *inter alia*, granted leave to file an amended application by 28 October 2022. On 28 October 2022, Mr. Haroun filed a motion seeking an extension of time to file the amended application. That same day, the UNDT granted the motion ordering that an extension was granted until 31 October 2022.

7. On 1 November 2022, the UNDT issued Order No. 157 (NBI/2022) in which Mr. Haroun was granted, on an exceptional basis, a further extension of time until 5 p.m. (Nairobi time) on 1 November 2022 to file his amended application. He failed to do so.

8. Also on 1 November 2022, Mr. Haroun filed a motion requesting an oral hearing.

9. On 4 November 2022, the UNDT issued Order No. 158 (NBI/2022) in which it was determined, *inter alia*, that the case would proceed without the amended application and without an oral hearing.

10. On 5 November 2022, Mr. Haroun filed an appeal of UNDT Orders Nos. 157 and 158. That case was registered as Case No. 2022-1746.

11. On 17 November 2022, the UNDT proceeded to issue Judgment No. UNDT/2022/124 in the matter of *Haroun v. Secretary-General of the United Nations* by which it dismissed the application as not receivable.

12. On 14 January 2023, Mr. Haroun appealed the UNDT Judgment. That case was registered as Case No. 2023-1775.

13. Pursuant to Article 18*bis*(1) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure: “[t]he President may, at any time, either on a motion of a party or on his or her own volition, issue any order which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious management of the case and to do justice to the parties”.

14. The impugned interlocutory Orders were issued in the proceedings before the UNDT that led to the issuance of the impugned Judgment. I find that it is appropriate for the fair and expeditious management of the cases and to do justice to the parties to consider together the appeal against the interlocutory orders rendered in the same case as the final Judgment. I therefore direct that these cases be consolidated for hearing and judgment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeals filed in Case Nos. 2022-1746 and 2023-1775 be consolidated for all purposes.

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Decision dated this 26th day of June 2023
in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Kanwaldeep Sandhu,
President

Order published and entered in the Register on this
26th day of June 2023 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Juliet Johnson,
Registrar