

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2018/032

Order No.: 70 (GVA/2018) Date: 9 April 2018

Original: English

**Before:** Judge Rowan Downing

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

## **PATKAR**

v.

## SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON AN APPLICATION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION PENDING MANAGEMENT EVALUATION

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**Counsel for Respondent:** 

Kong Leong Toh, UNOPS

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Introduction

1. By application filed on 6 April 2018, the Applicant, a staff member of United

Nations Office for Project Services ("UNOPS") sought the suspension of action,

pending the outcome of management evaluation, of the decision to "terminate or

retract her sick leave."

2. On 6 April 2018, the Registry served the application on the Respondent, with

9 April 2018 as the deadline by which to file his reply. The Judge instructed the

Respondent to refrain from taking any further action that would alter the status of

the Applicant pending the determination of the application. On the same day, the

Respondent filed his reply including the outcome of the management evaluation.

Consideration

3. Art. 2.2 of the Tribunal's Statute and art. 13.1 of its Rules of Procedure

provide for the Tribunal's jurisdiction to suspend the implementation of an

administrative decision "during the pendency of the management evaluation" if

certain conditions are met.

4. The Respondent has issued a response to the Applicant's request for

management evaluation; consequently, the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to consider

the matter further.

Conclusion

5. In view of the foregoing, the application for suspension of action is rejected.

(Signed)

Judge Rowan Downing

Dated this 9th day of April 2018

Entered in the Register on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva