



**Before:** Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell  
**Registry:** Geneva  
**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

SOLVSTEN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**

Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**

Nicole Wynn, AAS/ALD/OHRM, UN Secretariat  
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## **Introduction**

1. The Applicant serves as an Information Systems Assistant at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (“UNAMA”). He holds a continuing appointment and is based in Kabul.
2. On 4 April 2019, he filed an application before the United Nations Dispute Tribunal to challenge the Respondent’s decision to apply “the old rules” relating to rest and recuperation breaks in hardship duty stations, which practise the Applicant argues requires him to knowingly provide false information.
3. The Respondent filed his Reply on 19 June 2019. It is the Respondent’s case that the application is not receivable and should be dismissed as such. He also argues that the impugned decision, as described by the Applicant, was lawfully made.

## **Considerations and Order**

4. The Tribunal has reviewed the parties’ submissions. For the fair and expeditious management and disposal of this case, the Tribunal makes the following orders:
  - a. The Applicant is directed to file his response to the Respondent’s reply, addressing his arguments on receivability and the merits, by **Friday, 19 February 2021**;
  - b. The Respondent may file his submission in response to the Applicant’s above response by **5 March 2021**.
5. The Tribunal finds that this matter is suitable for determination on the basis of the parties’ written submissions.

*(Signed)*

Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

Case No. UNDT/GVA/2019/0333

Order No. 28 (GVA/2021)

Entered in the Register on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva