



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

DIETRICH

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Tiffany Henderson

Introduction

1. On 6 April 2023, the Applicant, a Governance Officer, Stop TB, United Nations Office for Project Services (“UNOPS”), filed an application contesting the decision to withdraw her international entitlements as of 1 September 2022.
2. On 12 April 2023, the application was served on the Respondent with a deadline to reply by 12 May 2023.
3. On 1 May 2023, the Respondent filed a Joint Motion for suspension of proceedings pending mediation.
4. On 2 May 2023, the Office of Ombudsman informed the Registry about the parties’ agreement to mediate and requested suspension of the proceedings for 30-days pending mediation.

Consideration

5. In their joint motion, the parties submit that they signed an agreement to mediate with the Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programs, and that they are currently engaged in said mediation process.
6. The Tribunal takes note of this and recalls that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution.
7. Having examined the case record and guided by arts. 15.3, 15.4 and 15.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal finds that it is in the interest of justice to give the parties sufficient time to focus on their settlement efforts by suspending the proceedings for 30 days, as requested.

Conclusion

8. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. The proceedings before the Tribunal in this matter be suspended during the parties’ mediation discussions under the auspices of the Office of the Ombudsman until **Monday, 5 June 2023**; and

b. If a mediation agreement is reached within this period, the parties or the Office of the Ombudsman shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that her application is withdrawn; or

c. If no settlement agreement can be reached within the prescribed period, the parties or the Office of the Ombudsman shall inform the Tribunal, and the Respondent shall file his reply by **Wednesday, 5 July 2023**.

(Signed)

Judge Margaret Tibulya (Duty Judge)

Dated this 3rd day of May 2023

Entered in the Register on this 3rd day of May 2023

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva