



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/066

Order No.: 12 (GVA/2025)

Date: 19 February 2025

Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Francesco Buffa

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** Liliana López Bello

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Self-represented

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## **Introduction**

1. The Applicant, a former Assistant Child Protection Officer with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on 24 November 2024, filed an application contesting the decision to close her complaint of abuse of authority, mistreatment and retaliation against three of her former supervisors.
2. On 20 December 2024, the Respondent filed his reply.
3. By Order No. 5 (GVA/2025), the parties were directed to express their views on the evidence to be collected in this case and, in particular, if they wished to have a hearing on the merits.
4. On 18 February 2025, the parties filed their responses to Order No. 5 (GVA/2025). The Applicant indicated that she was not able to present any witnesses; she also submitted her comments to the Respondent's reply and a copy of a medical certificate. While the Respondent was of the view that, based on the parties' submissions to date and the evidence on record, the case can be determined without holding a hearing.

## **Consideration**

5. Having examined the evidence on record to date and considering the parties' responses to Order No. 5 (GVA/2025), the Tribunal concludes that the case can now proceed to the filing of closing submissions.

## **Conclusion**

6. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
  - a. By **Friday, 28 February 2025**, the parties shall file their respective closing submissions, which shall:
    - i. Exclusively refer to the evidence already on file; and

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- ii. Not exceed **five pages**, using Times New Roman, font size 12 pts and 1.5 line spacing.

*(Signed)*

Judge Francesco Buffa

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

Entered in the Register on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

*(Signed)*

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva