



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/030

Order No.: 14 (GVA/2025)

Date: 21 February 2025

Original: English

Before: Judge Francesco Buffa

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

PIGNATELLI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Nisha Patel, AS/ALD/OHR/UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. On 12 July 2024, the Applicant, a Team Assistant at the G-4 level in the Administration and Programme Management Unit, United Nations Global Service Centre (“UNGSC”) in Brindisi, Italy, filed an application contesting the decision not to grant him a continuing appointment (“CA”) in the 2016-2021 Continuing Appointment review exercise.
2. On 15 August 2024, the Respondent filed his reply.
3. By Order No. 130 (GVA/2024) dated 14 October 2024, the Tribunal instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder, and encouraged the parties to explore resolving the dispute amicably.
4. On 18 October 2024, the Respondent filed a supplemental reply.
5. On 5 November 2024, the Applicant filed his rejoinder after requesting an extension of time.
6. On 12 November 2024, the parties filed a joint submission informing the Tribunal that they were unable to agree to settle the dispute amicably.
7. On 1 February 2025, this case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

Consideration

8. Having reviewed the evidence on record and the parties’ submissions to date, the Tribunal considers itself sufficiently informed to render its judgment without the need for additional disclosure of evidence or the holding of a hearing on the merits.
9. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure, and for the fair disposal of the case, the parties will be instructed to file their respective closing submission. Upon their filing, the Tribunal will move forward with adjudicating the case.

Conclusion

10. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:

- a. By **Friday, 7 March 2025**, the parties shall file their respective closing submission, which shall:
 - i. Exclusively refer to the evidence already on file; and
 - ii. Not exceed **five pages**, using Times New Roman, font size 12 pts and 1.5 line spacing.

(Signed)

Judge Francesco Buffa

Dated this 21st day of February 2025

Entered in the Register on this 21st day of February 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva