



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2025/008

Order No.: 18(GVA/2025)

Date: 5 March 2025

Original: English

Before: Judge Francesco Buffa

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

SUÁREZ LISTE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

UNOG

Introduction

1. By application filed on 27 February 2025, the Applicant, a staff member of the United Nations Office at Geneva (“UNOG”), requests suspension of action, pending management evaluation, of the decision to separate him from service effective 28 February 2025.
2. The application was served on the Respondent on 28 February 2025 with a deadline to file his reply by 3 March 2025.
3. By email of 28 February 2025, the Applicant contacted Judge Buffa requesting, *inter alia*, that his contract be extended, even for a few days, as an “interim protective measure”. This email was included in the case record following the Judge’s instructions.
4. On the same day, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion to withdraw his application.

Consideration

5. In his motion to withdraw, the Applicant informs the Tribunal that his appointment was extended until 31 March 2025 and that this extension “means no suspension of the decision contested by management evaluation is currently required or sought”.
6. Accordingly, the Tribunal sees no obstacle to the withdrawal of the application.
7. Having said the above, the Tribunal calls the Applicant’s attention to the fact that his 28 February 2025 email to Judge Buffa does not comply with the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure, which require filings to be done through the Registry via the e-filing portal. The parties should not contact the Judges assigned to their cases directly or informally.

Conclusion

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

- a. The Applicant's request to Judge Buffa by email of 28 February 2025 is not receivable; and
- b. There being no matter for adjudication by the Tribunal, Case No. UNDT/GVA/2025/008 is hereby closed and struck from the Tribunal's docket.

(Signed)

Judge Francesco Buffa

Dated this 5th day of March 2025

Entered in the Register on this 5th day of March 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva