



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/020

Order No.: 36 (GVA/2025)

Date: 17 April 2025

Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Margaret Tibulya

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** Liliana López Bello

IACOVINO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**

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**Counsel for Respondent:**

Jérôme Blanchard, HRLU, UNOG

## **Introduction**

1. On 10 June 2024, the Applicant, a former staff member of the International Trade Center (“ITC”), filed an application contesting the decision “not to extend [his] employment to cover [his] sick leave and instead to terminate [his] appointment and separate [him] while on certified sick leave”.
2. On 11 July 2024, the Respondent filed his reply, *inter alia*, contesting the receivability of part of the application.
3. By Order No. 105 (GVA/2024), the Tribunal instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder and encouraged the parties to explore resolving their dispute amicably.
4. On 24 September 2024, the Applicant filed his rejoinder.
5. On 1 October 2024, the parties filed a joint motion informing the Tribunal that an informal settlement in this matter was not possible.
6. On 1 April 2025, the present case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.
7. On 2 April 2025, the Tribunal scheduled a Case Management Discussion (“CMD”), which took place via MS Teams on 7 April 2025.
8. By Order No. 35 (GVA/2025) of 16 April 2025, the Tribunal ordered the parties to file their respective closing submission by 23 April 2025.
9. On the same day, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion requesting an extension of time to file closing submissions.

## **Consideration**

10. In his motion, Counsel for the Applicant indicates that he would be on annual leave from 17 to 25 April 2025 and would be unable to address the Tribunal’s order within the required timeframe. He also points out that the case is of some complexity and that it would be undesirable from an operational point of view to assign this task to another OSLA member due to their current workload. He

consequently requests an extension of time until 5 May 2025 to comply with the Tribunal's order.

11. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and taking into consideration the holiday season and the arguments put forward by Counsel for the Applicant, the Tribunal agrees to grant the Applicant's motion and apply the same deadline to the Respondent.

### **Conclusion**

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

- a. The Applicant's motion for an extension of time is granted; and
- b. The parties shall file their respective closing submission by **Monday, 5 May 2025**, 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 Margaret Tibulya

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

Entered in the Register on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

*(Signed)*

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva