



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2023/027

Order No.: 70 (GVA/2025)

Date: 20 June 2025

Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

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Introduction

1. On 14 May 2023, the Applicant, a Project Control Officer with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”) in Addis Ababa, filed an application contesting the 15 March 2023 decision of the UNCHR Medical Section to revoke the validity of his Periodic Medical Examination (“PME”).
2. By Order No. 36 (GVA/2024) of 19 April 2024, the Tribunal rejected the Applicant’s motion for anonymity, and instructed the parties to file closing submissions by 3 May 2024.
3. On 3 May 2024, the Respondent filed his closing submission.
4. On 17 May 2024, the Applicant appealed Order No. 36 (GVA/2024).
5. By Order No. 65 (GVA/2024) of 31 May 2024, proceedings were suspended pending resolution of the interlocutory appeal.
6. On 28 April 2025, judgment *BK 2025-UNAT-1526* was issued. The Appeals Tribunal decided to grant the interlocutory appeal to anonymize the Applicant’s name.
7. By Order No. 49 (GVA/2025) of 9 May 2025, the Tribunal granted the Applicant’s motion for anonymity, and instructed him to file closing submissions by 23 May 2025.
8. Having not received the Applicant’s closing submission by the prescribed deadline, the Registry informed the Applicant, on 26 May 2025, that it would exceptionally allow him to file his closing submission no later by 30 May 2025, further advising him that failure to comply might result in the Tribunal moving forward with adjudication without his closing submissions.
9. Still with no answer, the Registry called the Applicant on 30 May 2025 to inquire about the lack of responses, and was informed that he had not received any of the previous instructions because he had lost access to the email used in these proceedings. On the same day, the Applicant sent an email requesting that the email

address of his CCMS account be updated, and further requesting an extension of time to file closing submissions due to the foregoing exceptional circumstances.

10. As it follows, the undersigned Judge decided to grant the Applicant's request for an extension of time to file his closing submission, and instructed him to file it by 17 June 2025.

11. On 17 June 2025, the Applicant filed a motion requesting the suspension of the current proceedings pending the issuance of a judgment in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/023 (Applicant).

Consideration

12. In support of his motion for suspension of the proceedings, the Applicant submits that:

Due to risk of the Applicant being identifiable based on the significant amount of confidential medical information included by the Respondent relating to UNDT/GVA/2023/027, the Applicant hereby submits a motion for suspension of judgement relating to UNDT/GVA/2023/027 until a judgement relating to UNDT/GVA/2023/023 is made since in case of the Respondents similar arguments were accompanied by less identifiable confidential medical information.

13. In the Tribunal's view, the Applicant's motion is not grounded on any valid reasons, legal or otherwise.

14. Cases No. UNDT/GVA/2023/027 and UNDT/GVA/2023/023 deal with completely separate and distinct contested decisions. Moreover, the Applicant's name is anonymized in both cases, and none of the forthcoming judgments will reveal the details of his confidential medical information. Recalling that the Tribunal's role is to review the lawfulness of the contested administrative decisions, it will not make any assessment of the Applicant's medical condition.

15. The Applicant's motion, therefore, stands to be rejected.

16. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal considers it appropriate to exceptionally grant the Applicant one last opportunity to file his closing submissions.

Conclusion

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

- a. The Applicant's motion to suspend the proceedings pending the issuance of a judgment in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/023 is rejected; and
- b. **By Friday, 27 June 2025**, the Applicant shall file his closing submissions.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 20th day of June 2025

Entered in the Register on this 20th day of June 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva