



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/011/T

Order No.: 72 (GVA/2025)

Date: 25 June 2025

Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Margaret Tibulya

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** Liliana López Bello

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**

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## **Introduction**

1. The Applicant, a former Legal Officer in the Peacekeeping Support Cluster (“PSC”) of the General Legal Division, Office of Legal Affairs (“GLD/OLA”), filed an application contesting the 22 November 2022 decision not to renew her fixed-term appointment beyond 23 December 2022.
2. On 20 June 2023, the Respondent filed a reply.
3. During the proceedings, the Tribunal issued various case management orders. Among those orders, by Order No. 60 (GVA/2025), the Tribunal directed that the hearing on the merits of this case take place from 8 to 10 July 2025.
4. By email dated 13 June 2025, the Registry was informed by the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (“UNAT”) that the Applicant had appealed Order Nos. 50 (GVA/2025); 60 (GVA/2025); 61 (GVA/2025) and 63 (GVA/2025). The appeal was registered as UNAT Case No. 2025-2029.
5. On 16 June 2025, upon the instruction of the Presiding Judge in the matter, the Registry requested the Applicant to clarify whether she intended to request a suspension of the current proceedings pending determination of her appeal by the UNAT or whether she wished to proceed with the hearing as currently scheduled.
6. On 23 June 2025, the Applicant filed a motion to suspend the current proceedings.
7. On 24 June 2025, the Respondent filed submissions on the Applicant’s motion on suspension of proceedings. The Respondent indicated that he has no comments and takes no position on the motion.

## **Consideration**

8. While the Dispute Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure do not contain a provision determining the suspension of proceedings when a party appeals an interlocutory order, art. 10.1 of its Statute allows the Dispute Tribunal to suspend proceedings in a case at the request of the parties.

9. Considering that the Applicant appealed Order Nos. 50 (GVA/2025); 60 (GVA/2025); 61 (GVA/2025) and 63 (GVA/2025), which, *inter alia*, relate to the production of documents, conduct of the hearing, and other trial-related matters, a suspension of proceedings is justified by reasons of judicial economy. To proceed otherwise would risk the integrity of the present proceedings.

### **Conclusion**

10. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the proceedings in this case are suspended until UNAT renders its decision in Case No. 2025-2029.

*(Signed)*

Judge Margaret Tibulya

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

Entered in the Register on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

*(Signed)*

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva