



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2025/051

Order No.: 102 (GVA/2025)

Date: 2 September 2025

Original: English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

SCHMITZ

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

UNFPA

Introduction

1. On 31 July 2025, the Applicant, a former staff member of the United Nations Population Fund (“UNFPA”), filed a motion for extension of time to file an application before this Tribunal.
2. On the same day, the Tribunal granted the Applicant’s motion and directed her to submit her complete application by 5 September 2025.
3. On 27 August 2025, the Applicant filed a further motion for extension of time to file her application.
4. On 1 September 2025, the Applicant re-filed the motion dated 27 August 2025 for extension of time to file an application as a new case via the e-filing portal.

Consideration

5. In her initial motion for extension of time to file an application, the Applicant requested “at least 30 additional days after the existing deadline (which [according to her] is 6 August) to prepare an application and to hopefully continue mediation”. She indicated that “any additional time beyond [these] 30 days (for example [three] months) would be appreciated due to the severity of [her] disability condition and lack of counsel thus far”.
6. The Tribunal then granted her until 5 September 2025 to file her application. However, on 27 August 2025, she requested a further extension of two and a half months, that is until 14 November 2025, for the filing of a complete application.
7. In support of her request, she refers to her “disabling condition”, which she claims has worsened without providing any evidence in this respect; the unavailability of her “primary medical provider”, which is unrelated to this proceedings; the lack of Counsel and the delays of the Office of the Staff Legal Assistance (“OSLA”) in getting back to her on her request for legal representation, which has already been considered by the Tribunal when the previous extension

was granted; and the “unexpected loss of [her] closest family member on 25 August”.

8. The Tribunal finds that most of the reasons provided by the Applicant have already been considered in the granting of her first request for extension of time or are irrelevant to these proceedings. The only submission that constitutes a new fact that amounts to an exceptional circumstance warranting a further extension of time to file an application, is the passing of her close relative.

9. Accordingly, the Tribunal decides to partially grant Applicant’s request pursuant to Article 19.1 of its Rules of Procedure, while advising that no further extensions will be allowed.

10. It thus follows, that the Applicant’s repeated motion to file an application submitted on 1 September 2025 as a new case in the e-filing system is rejected.

Conclusion

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

- a. The Applicant’s motion for extension of time to file an application is partially granted;
- b. By **Monday, 6 October 2025**, the Applicant shall file her complete application in her existing case (Case No. UNDT/GVA/2025/051); and
- c. The Applicant’s new case filed on 1 September 2025 is rejected.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Duty Judge)

Dated this 2nd day of September 2025

Entered in the Register on this 2nd day of September 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva