



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/042

Order No.: 118 (GVA/2025)

Date: 22 October 2025

Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

SAMANDAROV

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. By Order No. 88 (GVA/2025) dated 16 July 2025, the Tribunal, *inter alia*, instructed the Respondent to file his comments, if any, on the Applicant's 29 January 2025 motions (a) "to order the Respondent producing evidence and explanation on origin and intent of its submission that [his] application was not considered because [he] was not on the roster", and (b) "to award costs against the Respondent".

2. On 29 July 2025, the Respondent filed his submissions as per Order No. 88 (GVA/2025).

Consideration

Closing statements

3. The Tribunal notes that in Order No. 88 (GVA/2025), it stated that, subsequent to the filing of the Respondent's submissions on 29 July 2025, unless otherwise ordered, it would proceed with adjudicating the matters before it in the present case.

4. In light of the Respondent's 29 July 2025 submission, the Tribunal, however, finds that the Applicant should have the opportunity to comment thereupon before rendering its judgment and will allow him to do so in a closing statement.

5. The purpose of these closing statements is for the parties to summarize *all* their substantive contentions in a structured manner within five pages using the font Times New Roman size 12, and 1.5 line spacing.

6. To focus the closing statements on the issues raised by the Applicant as the moving party, the Tribunal will instruct the parties to file the closing statements in a staggered and sequential manner by which (a) the Applicant will first present his contentions, (b) the Respondent will then respond thereto, and (c) the Applicant, as the moving party, will be allowed the final word in a short response. No new evidence or pleadings, aside from those related to the Applicant's comments on the

Respondent's 29 July 2025 submission, will therefore be allowed to be submitted with the closing statements, and if advanced, they will be struck from the record without possibility of making further submissions.

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

a. By **Wednesday, 29 October 2025**, the Applicant is to file his closing statement, which is to be five pages maximum, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. Aside from the Applicant's comments on the Respondent's 29 July 2025 submission, the closing statement is solely to be based on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage;

b. By **Wednesday, 5 November 2025**, the Respondent is to file his closing statement responding to the Applicant's closing statement at a maximum length of five pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. Aside from observations on the Applicant's comments on the Respondent's 29 July 2025 submission, the closing statement is solely to be based on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage;

c. By **Monday, 10 November 2025**, the Applicant may file a statement of any final observations responding to the Respondent's closing statement. This statement of final observations by the Applicant must be a maximum of two pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. It must be solely based on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage; and

d. Unless otherwise ordered, on receipt of the latest of the aforementioned statements or at the expiration of the provided time limits, the Tribunal will adjudicate on the matter and deliver Judgment based on the documentation on record as soon as possible.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 22nd day of October 2025

Entered in the Register on this 22nd day of October 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva