



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2014/011
Order No.: 169 (NBI/2016)
Date: 24 March 2016
Original: English

Before: Judge Vinod Boolell
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CHANGE OF VENUE

Counsel for the Applicant:
Robbie Leighton, OSLA

Counsel for the Respondent:
Karen Madeleine Farkas, UNHCR

The Application

1. At the time of this Application, the Applicant served as *Associé en Informatique* at the GS6 level with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Guiglo, Côte d'Ivoire.
2. On 14 February 2014, the Applicant filed the present Application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) sitting in Nairobi challenging the Respondent's decision to redeploy his post from UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire offices in Abidjan to Man and subsequent non-renewal of his contract on grounds of reclassification of post.
3. The Respondent filed his Reply to the Application on 19 March 2014.
4. On 18 July 2014, the Tribunal issued Order No. 180 (NBI/2014) directing the Applicant to file his submissions in response to the Respondent's position on receivability by 31 July 2014. The Tribunal also ordered the Parties to make joint submissions on facts and issues in this matter by 18 August 2014.
5. Counsel for the Applicant filed a Motion for Extension of Time on the same day on the ground that his pre-arranged leave plans would effectively leave only one day for the submissions to be made, and that a change of Counsel at this stage of the case would not be desirable.
6. On 30 July 2014, the Tribunal issued Order No. 192 (NBI/2014) granting the Motion for Extension of Time.
7. Following consultation with the UNDT in Geneva, a decision has been made by the UNDT Registry in Nairobi to transfer this case to the UNDT in Geneva.
8. On 15 March 2016, the Tribunal issued Order No. 095 (NBI/2016) seeking the Parties' views on the transfer of this case from Nairobi to Geneva.
9. Neither Party has objected to the transfer.

ORDER

10. In accordance with art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Tribunal, the present case is transferred to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva with immediate effect.

11. The Tribunal directs the Registry in Nairobi to effect the necessary arrangements for the transfer of the file to the Registry in Geneva.

(signed)

Judge Vinod Boolell
Dated this 24th day of March 2016

Entered in the Register on this 24th day of March 2016

(signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi