



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/002
Order No.: 44 (NBI/2025)
Date: 4 April 2025
Original: English

Before: Duty Judge
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Wanda L. Carter

MAAROUF

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:
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Counsel for Respondent:
Chenayi Mutuma, UNHCR
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Introduction

1. At the time of the impugned decision, the Applicant was the Senior Administrative Officer at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 'Back Office' for Libya. He served on a fixed-term appointment at the P-4 level and was based in Tunis.

2. He has filed an application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal challenging the decision to abolish his post. He submits that the impugned decision is unlawful, in that it is retaliatory following a series of actions by the Chief of Mission that tantamount, he says, to abuse of authority and harassment.

3. The Respondent argues that the application is not receivable because the decision to abolish a post is not reviewable. The Respondent further argues that the Applicant's submissions on abuse of authority and harassment are currently the subject of the inquiry/review by the Ethics Office and the Inspector General's Office, so any challenge on those issues is both premature and not receivable.

Consideration

4. The Tribunal has considered the parties' submissions and deems it appropriate to give the Applicant the opportunity to respond to the Respondent's reply.

Conclusion

5. In view of the foregoing, the Applicant is directed to file his rejoinder by **Friday, 25 April 2025.**

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 4th day of April 2025

Entered in the Register on this 4th day of April 2025

(Signed)

Liliana Lopez-Bello, for Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi