



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/053  
Order No.: 88 (NBI/2025)  
Date: 19 June 2025  
Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Sean Wallace

**Registry:** Nairobi

**Registrar:** Wanda L. Carter

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. The Applicant is the wife of the Decedent, a FS-6 Fire Safety Officer with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) in Kinshasa, until his death on 14 July 2022.
2. On 2 July 2023, the Applicant filed a claim with the United Nations Advisory Board on Compensation Claims (ABCC) requesting that the Decedent's death be determined as service incurred due to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) related to his work in DRC.
3. On 26 December 2023, ABCC denied the claim, finding that the Decedent's PTSD was not the cause of his death, that his position with the UN was not the factor leading to his death, and thus, the death was not service incurred.
4. On 20 February 2025, the Applicant requested reconsideration of the ABCC decision; and on 21 February 2025, submitted a management evaluation request contesting the ABCC decision.
5. On 26 February 2025, the Management Advice and Evaluation section (MAES) found the complaint non-receivable, and on 25 March 2025, the Applicant filed this application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal contesting the ABCC determination.
6. On 25 April 2025, the respondent filed a Reply to the application in which it submitted that the contested ABCC decision was lawful and reasonable, and asking that the application be dismissed.

## **Consideration**

7. The Tribunal has reviewed the parties' submissions and considers itself fully briefed. The relevant facts in the present case are clear, and the matter can be determined on the basis of the documents on record.

8. Therefore, in the interest of a fair and expeditious disposal of the case, the parties are directed to file closing submissions, addressing the points raised in each other's filings.

**Conclusion**

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

- a. By **5 p.m. (Nairobi time), on Monday, 21 July 2025**, the parties shall file their respective closing submission, which shall exclusively refer to the evidence already on file; and
- b. The closing submission shall not exceed five pages, in font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing of 1.5 lines.

*(Signed)*

Judge Sean Wallace

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

Entered in the Register on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

*(Signed)*

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi