



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/024
Order No.: 91 (NBI/2025)
Date: 23 June 2025
Original: English

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

SNIDER

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

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Introduction

1. The Applicant is the wife of the Decedent, a Security Adviser for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on secondment to Mogadishu, Somalia until his death on 16 September 2020.
2. On 10 February 2021, 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.
3. On 19 October 2023, ABCC denied the claim, finding that the Decedent's death was not service incurred.
4. On 28 February 2025, the Applicant filed this application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal contesting the 19 October 2023 ABCC determination, seeking rescission of the decision and a finding that the Decedent's death be recognized as service incurred.
5. On 19 March 2025, the Respondent filed a "Motion to have receivability determined as a preliminary matter", averring that the application was not receivable *ratione temporis*, as the management evaluation request was submitted outside the deadline, and asking that the matter be dismissed.
6. The Applicant responded on 24 March 2025, formally contesting the Respondent's motion, requesting that the case should not be bifurcated, as that would result in disposal of the case without the Respondent having to address the substantive issues.
7. By Order 038 (NBI/2025) issued 26 March 2025, the Tribunal denied, without prejudice, the Respondent's request to have receivability determined as a preliminary matter.
8. The Respondent filed its Reply on 2 April 2025, asking that the application be rejected in its entirety as not receivable, and in the alternative, that the application

be dismissed as without merit in that the 19 October 2023 ABCC decision was lawfully taken.

Consideration

9. 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.

10. 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

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

- a. By **5 p.m. (Nairobi time), on Wednesday, 23 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 (Duty Judge)

Dated this 23rd day of June 2025

Entered in the Register on this 23rd day of June 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi