



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

KINYONGO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE RESPONDENT'S
MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO
EXCEED THE PAGE LIMIT AND
DEADLINE FOR CLOSING
SUBMISSIONS**

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Introduction

1. On 24 July 2025, the Applicant filed an application contesting the decision to delay the issuance of his pension forms for a prolonged period until the conclusion of an Office of Internal Oversight Services' investigation against him for a possible fraud ("the contested decision").

2. The Respondent filed a reply on 27 August 2025 arguing that the application is not receivable because the contested decision is not appealable and that the Applicant failed to request management evaluation of the decision that is capable of being reviewed.

Consideration

3. This is one of several similar cases pending before the Tribunal arising from the Organization taking similar contested decisions in respect of separating staff members of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ("MONUSCO"). Counsel representing the parties in these cases are either the same person(s) or from the same offices, that is, the Office of Staff Legal Assistance for the Applicants, or from the Division of Administrative Law, Administrative Law Division, Office of Human Resources, for Respondent.

4. In view of the foregoing, the Tribunal, in accordance with art. 19 of the UNDT Rules of Procedure, considers it appropriate to issue the following orders for the fair and expeditious disposal of the case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

5. The Respondent's motion seeking leave to exceed the page limit is granted and the reply is accepted.

6. By or before **5 p.m. (Nairobi time) on Friday, 5 September 2025**, the Applicant shall file a rejoinder specifically addressing the issue of receivability raised by the Respondent.

7. The parties shall file closing submissions **by 5 p.m. (Nairobi time) on Thursday, 11 September 2025.**

8. The rejoinder and closing submissions shall not exceed five pages each (excluding the cover and signature pages), in font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing of 1.5 lines.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 28th day of August 2025

Entered in the Register on this 28th day of August 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi