



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/087
Order No.: 184 (NBI/2025)
Date: 8 October 2025
Original: English

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

CASTELLI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. By application filed on 20 August 2025, the Applicant contests the decision of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (“UNIFIL”) Head of Mission/Responsible Official (“RO”) to close his 23 September 2022 complaint of abuse of authority, harassment and discrimination against his former First Reporting Officer. He claims the contested decision is unlawful because the RO is biased.

2. The Respondent submitted a reply on 24 September 2025, where it is argued that:

a. The application is not receivable. The Applicant is estopped from re-litigating his claims of the RO’s bias under the doctrine of *res judicata*. The Tribunal considered the same assertions by the Applicant in *Castelli* UNDT/2024/073 and made no findings of bias. The Applicant did not appeal the Tribunal’s findings and is now barred from re-litigating those issues.

b. Even if the application was receivable, it lacks merit.

Consideration

Filing of a rejoinder

3. Pursuant to art. 19 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal may at any time issue any order or give any direction appearing to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious disposal of a case and to do justice to the parties.

4. Having taken into consideration the pleadings of the parties, the Tribunal considers it appropriate and in the interest of justice to direct the Applicant to file a rejoinder and respond to the issues raised in the reply.

Conclusion

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

- a. On or before **Thursday, 23 October 2025**, the Applicant shall file a response to the reply and more specifically address the receivability issue raised by the Respondent.
- b. The submissions 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 8th day of October 2025

Entered in the Register on this 8th day of October 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, for Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi