

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: U
Order No.: 0

UNDT/NY/2021/065 085 (NY/2022)

Date:

20 September 2022

Original:

English

Before: Judge Joelle Adda

Registry: New York

Registrar: Morten Albert Michelsen, Officer-in-Charge

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON INTERIM MEASURES

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

Clementine Foizel, ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. On 15 December 2021, the Applicant filed an application to contest the decision not to grant his request to extend the period to submit his claim for repatriation grant by one additional year on an exceptional basis. In the application, the Applicant requests, amongst other remedies, that information regarding his medical evidence be redacted from the public version of the Judgment.

- 2. On 17 January 2022, the Respondent filed his reply in which he contends that the application is without merit.
- 3. On 21 March 2022, the Applicant filed a motion by which he requests that the Respondent provide documentation for the decision-maker's authority to render the contested decision.

Consideration

Anonymity

- 4. The Tribunal notes that the Appeals Tribunal consistently has held that the Applicant's name should only be redacted on the published Judgment "where it is necessary to protect information of a confidential and sensitive nature" (see *Kadri* 2017-UNAT-772, para. 15).
- 5. In the present case, the Applicant's medical evidence is key to his argumentation against the contested decision. As such evidence by nature is confidential and sensitive, the Tribunal will therefore anonymize all publicized orders and judgments, including Order No. 126 (NY/2021) dated 22 December 2021 on interim measures.

Documentation for the decision-maker's authority to render the contested decision

6. It is essential that the decision-maker of an administrative decision has the proper authority to render it. The Tribunal will therefore order the Respondent to provide his submissions thereon together with appropriate documentation.

Case management

7. After closely perusing the case file, the Tribunal notes that none of the parties have requested further evidence to be produced and further finds that the case is fully briefed. Before rendering its final Judgment, it will allow the Applicant to provide his final observations.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 8. All published orders and judgments are to be anonymized, including Order No. 126 (NY/2021) dated 22 December 2021 on interim measures;
- 9. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 September 2022**, the Respondent is to provide documentation for the decision-maker's authority to render the contested decision;
- 10. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 October 2022**, the Applicant is to file his final observations. The submission shall not exceed five pages, using Times New Roman, font 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

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11. Upon receipt of the Applicant's submissions, unless instructed otherwise, the Tribunal will proceed to adjudicate this matter on the papers before it.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 20th day of September 2022