



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

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Case No.: UNDT/NY/2024/021  
Order No.: 055 (NY/2024)  
Date: 16 May 2024  
Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Joelle Adda

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

EL-TAYEB

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER**

**ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. On 26 April 2024, the Applicant, a P-4 Liaison Officer in the Office of the Chief of Staff at the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York, filed an application contesting the decision not to select her for a D-1 position of Chief of Service, Security Sector Reform, in the Ceasefire Monitoring Component of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya.

2. On 14 May 2024, the parties filed a joint motion for suspension of proceedings. They explained that they are attempting to resolve the matter informally.

3. The parties further requested a “temporary suspension of proceedings for a period of 28 days, until 11 June 2024, and that the deadline for filing the Respondent’s [r]eply be extended to 2 July 2024”, which would be otherwise due on 28 May 2024.

## **Considerations**

4. Article 10.1 of the Dispute Tribunal's Statute provides that “[t]he Dispute Tribunal may suspend proceedings in a case at the request of the parties for a time to be specified by it in writing”.

5. Taking into consideration the parties’ request to suspend the proceedings in order to attempt informal resolution of the present case, the proceedings before the Tribunal will be suspended until 11 June 2024.

6. The Tribunal commends both parties for their good faith efforts aimed at resolving this case amicably. Such efforts should be encouraged as the amicable resolution of cases saves the Organization valuable resources.

7. In light of the above,

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

8. The parties’ motion to suspend the proceedings until 11 June 2024 is granted;

9. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 June 2024**, the parties are to file a jointly-signed statement informing the Tribunal if the informal resolution discussions have been successful;

10. If the informal resolution discussions have not been successful, the Respondent is to file his reply by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 July 2024**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

Entered in the Register on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

*(Signed)*

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York