



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2024/026
Order No.: 076 (NY/2024)
Date: 2 July 2024
Original: English

Before: Duty Judge
Registry: New York
Registrar: Isaac Endeley

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. On 20 June 2024, the Applicant, a former Director in the Department of Operational Support (“DOS”), filed an application in which he contests “the 22 March 2024 decision to impose the disciplinary measure of separation from service with compensation in lieu of notice and without termination indemnity pursuant to Staff Rule 10.2(a)(viii) and to enter the Applicant’s name in the [United Nations] ClearCheck database”.

2. On 28 June 2024, the Respondent filed a motion for extension of time to file a reply to the application.

3. On 30 June 2024, the Applicant filed an objection to the Respondent’s 28 June 2024 motion.

Consideration

The length of the application

4. The Tribunal notes that the application is 12 pages without counting the front page and the last page. In addition, under the heading “Summary of facts of the case or facts relied upon”, the Applicant “incorporates the timeline of facts in Annex 1” (emphasis in original omitted). In Annex 1, the Applicant sets out a chronology of facts of 10 additional pages. The total length of the application is therefore 22 pages. In the application, the Applicant acknowledges that he has exceeded the 10-page limit but requests an exception thereto with the equivalent number of pages being granted to the Respondent.

5. The Tribunal notes that the number of pages of the application is excessive and will therefore order the Applicant to limit it to 16 pages, also including his chronology of facts.

The Respondent's motion for extension of time to file a reply

6. The Tribunal notes that the Respondent will be granted a new deadline to file the reply, counting 30 days from the deadline for the Applicant to resubmit the application in a shorter version.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

7. By **4:00 p.m. on Monday, 22 July 2024**, the Applicant is to refile the application in a shorter version of maximum 16 pages, including his chronology of facts, using the same font and formatting as in the original application.

8. By **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 August 2024**, the Respondent is to file the reply of a maximum of 16 pages, using the same font and formatting as the Applicant.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 2nd day of July 2024

Entered in the Register on this 2nd day of July 2024

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York