



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.:	UNDT/NY/2024/050
Order No.:	030 (NY/2025)
Date:	5 March 2025
Original:	English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

CHESNOKOVA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. The Applicant is a Programme Management Officer in the Department of Safety and Security (“DSS”) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. On 9 December 2024, she filed an application contesting the 26 July 2024 decisions to: “(i) partially, rather than fully, reimburse the amount of a fraudulently cashed cheque; (ii) not to reimburse [her] for penalties and interest accrued from the [United States Internal Revenue Service – “IRS”]; and (iii) not to provide documentation relating to [Bank of America’s] investigation which proved the fraudulent activity to update the IRS”.

2. On 10 January 2025, the Respondent filed his reply in which he contends that the application “is meritless and should be dismissed”. The Respondent also submits that the third contested decision listed in the application is not receivable *ratione materiae*.

Considerations

3. The Tribunal recalls that the General Assembly has repeatedly reaffirmed that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice. Having considered the issues arising in this case, the Tribunal is of the view that the case may be amenable to informal and amicable resolution. The Tribunal therefore considers it appropriate to provide the parties with an opportunity to resolve the case informally.

4. Accordingly, the parties are encouraged to attempt informal resolution of the disputes arising in the case either with the assistance of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services or via *inter partes* discussions. Should the parties decide to attempt informal resolution of the matter, they shall promptly inform the Tribunal and seek suspension of the proceedings.

5. If the parties do not agree to enter into informal negotiations, the Tribunal will instruct the Applicant to respond to the Respondent’s reply.

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

7. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the Respondent are to confer with a view to resolving the matters in this case informally.

9. By **4:00 p.m. on Friday, 4 April 2025**, the parties are to file a jointly signed statement informing the Tribunal whether they agree to attempt informal resolution. If so, they may request a suspension of the proceedings.

10. If the parties do not agree to attempt informal resolution, by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, 21 April 2025**, the Applicant shall file a rejoinder to the Respondent's reply, including the submissions on receivability. The rejoinder is to be five pages maximum, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

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11. Upon receipt of the above submissions, the Tribunal will issue relevant instructions for further case management.

(Signed)

Judge Solomon Areda Waktolla

Dated this 5th day of March 2025

Entered in the Register on this 5th day of March 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York