



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.:	UNDT/NY/2024/038
Order No.:	072 (NY/2025)
Date:	13 August 2025
Original:	English

Before: Judge Francis Belle

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant:

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Introduction

1. By Order No. 125 (NY/2024) dated 16 December 2024, the Tribunal granted the parties' joint motion and suspended proceedings in the present case until 31 January 2025 in order to allow the parties sufficient time to engage in informal resolution discussions.

2. As the parties were unable to reach an informal resolution by the stipulated deadline, the Applicant filed a rejoinder on 3 February 2025. The Applicant submits, *inter alia*, "that the Respondent has manifestly abused these proceedings and that the Tribunal should award costs" against the United Nations Environment Programme ("UNEP") in accordance with art. 10.6 of the Dispute Tribunal's Statute. He also submits that UNEP and its Counsel should be referred to the Secretary-General for the enforcement of accountability under art. 10.8 of the Dispute Tribunal's Statute.

3. On 28 July 2025, the case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

Considerations

4. 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.

5. Having reviewed all of the parties' submissions, the Tribunal considers that this matter is now ripe for adjudication. Accordingly, the Tribunal will instruct the parties to file their respective closing statements. The Tribunal will address all the pending issues in its Judgment.

6. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

7. **By 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 August 2025**, the parties are to file their respective closing statements, at a maximum length of five pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. The closing statements must be

solely based on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage.

8. Unless otherwise ordered, upon receipt of the parties' closing statements, or at the expiration of the provided time limit, the Tribunal will adjudicate the matter and deliver Judgment based on the documentation on record.

(Signed)

Judge Francis Belle

Dated this 13th day of August 2025

Entered in the Register on this 13th day of August 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York