



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2025/025
Order No.: 76 (NY/2025)
Date: 19 August 2025
Original: English

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

ROESKE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER
ON RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO
EXCEED PAGE LIMIT

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Introduction

1. On 29 July 2025, the Applicant filed an application contesting five separate administrative decisions.
2. After a preliminary examination, the Registry notified the Duty Judge that the application did not comply with the requirements of art. 8 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure. In particular, the Applicant had omitted parts II, III and IV of the application form and had not identified her duty station at the time of the contested decisions. The application was also 25 pages long, but it included a request for leave to exceed the normal page limit given the complexity of the case. Additionally, some of the annexes were not in a readable format.
3. By email dated 31 July 2025, the Registry conveyed the Duty Judge's instructions for the Applicant to file an amended application including all the missing information and not exceeding 15 pages in length. The Applicant was also directed to resubmit the illegible annexes in PDF format.
4. On 4 August 2025, the Applicant filed an amended application which was in compliance with the Duty Judge's instructions. The amended application and annexes were served on the Respondent on 5 August 2025 with directives to file a reply by 4 September 2025.
5. On 18 August 2025, the Respondent filed a motion for leave "to exceed the recommended 10-page limit to 16 pages" for the reply.

Considerations

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. Practice Direction No. 4 (as amended on 1 January 2025) provides that an application (art. 6) and a reply (art. 20) "should not exceed 10 pages", but the cover page and the signature page are not included in counting the number of pages.

8. The Tribunal has considered the reasons advanced by the Respondent for requesting leave to exceed the page limit and notes that they are similar to those raised earlier by the Applicant. The Tribunal therefore finds that it is fair to grant both parties equal treatment.

9. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

10. The Respondent's motion for leave to exceed the page limit for the reply is granted.

11. The reply shall not exceed 15 pages excluding the cover page and the signature page.

(Signed)

Judge Francis Belle

Dated this 19th day of August 2025

Entered in the Register on this 19th day of August 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York