



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.:	UNDT/NY/2024/036
Order No.:	077 (NY/2025)
Date:	25 August 2025
Original:	English

Before: Judge Francis Belle

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

WOOD

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON MOTION TO ADDUCE
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
CLOSING SUBMISSION**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

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Introduction

1. By Order No. 069 (NY/2025) dated 12 August 2025, the Tribunal instructed the parties to file their respective closing statements by 26 August 2025.

2. On 19 August 2025, the Applicant filed a motion seeking leave to adduce additional evidence and requesting an extension of two weeks until 9 September 2025 to file her closing statement. She submits that the additional evidence is “relevant and probative and will assist the Tribunal in the disposition of the case” and that it “will not cause any prejudice to the Respondent”. The Applicant also states that she “would not oppose if the same extension of time was to be granted to the Respondent to file his closing submissions”.

3. On 20 August 2025, the Respondent filed a response to the motion indicating that he “does not oppose the Applicant’s request for an extension of time.” He further submits, however, that “in the interest of fairness”, should the Tribunal decide to grant the Applicant’s motion, it should also grant the Respondent a corresponding extension of the deadline to file his closing statement; leave to address the Applicant’s additional evidence in his closing statement; and leave to exceed the prescribed page limit for his closing statement.

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. The Tribunal has examined the three new annexes filed by the Applicant and considers that they may be relevant to its adjudication of this case. Accordingly, the Tribunal will admit the additional evidence into the case file and will grant the Applicant an extension of two weeks to file her closing statement.

6. In the interest of fairness, the Tribunal will also grant the Respondent the same extension of the deadline to file his closing statement. Moreover, the Tribunal will grant the Respondent leave to exceed the previously established page limit for the closing statement so that he may address the Applicant's additional evidence if he so wishes.

7. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The Applicant's motion to adduce additional evidence and for extension of time to file closing submissions is granted.

9. The Applicant's Annexes 19, 20 and 21 are admitted into the case file.

10. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 September 2025**, the Applicant is to file her closing statement, at a maximum length of **five pages**, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. The closing statement must be based solely on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage.

11. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 September 2025**, the Respondent is to file his closing statement, at a maximum length of **eight pages**, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. The closing statement must be based solely on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage.

12. 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 25th day of August 2025

Entered in the Register on this 25th day of August 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York