

# 009 (NY/2024), Applicant

## UNAT Held or UNDT Pronouncements

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## Decision Contested or Judgment/Order Appealed

The Applicant contested the non-renewal of her fixed-term appointment on the (alleged) grounds of poor performance.

## Legal Principle(s)

The Dispute Tribunal has on several occasions enunciated "a general principle of procedural law that the right to institute legal proceedings is predicated upon the condition that the person using this right has a legitimate interest in initiating and maintaining legal action. Access to the court has to be denied to those who are no longer interested in the proceedings they instituted". (Saab-Mekkiour UNDT/2010/047, para. 6. See also Bimo & Bimo UNDT/2009/061, Hastopali & Stiplasek UNDT/2009/062; Moussa UNDT/2010/029; and Zhang-Osmancevic UNDT/2015/034).

## Outcome

Other motion granted

Outcome Extra Text

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Individual Party

Applicant

Entity

UN Secretariat

Case Number(s)

UNDT/NY/2023/011

Tribunal

UNDT

Registry  
New York  
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Judge Adda  
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Related Judgments and Orders  
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UNDT/2009/061  
UNDT/2009/062  
UNDT/2015/034