UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL
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Judgment No. 2019-UNAT-917

Farzin

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

JUDGMENT

Before:	Judge Dimitrios Raikos, Presiding Judge Sabine Knierim Judge Deborah Thomas-Felix
Case No.:	2018-1212
Date:	29 March 2019
Registrar:	Weicheng Lin

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JUDGE DIMITRIOS RAIKOS, PRESIDING.

1. The United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) has before it an appeal against Judgment on Receivability No. UNDT/2018/096, rendered by the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT or Dispute Tribunal) in Geneva on 1 October 2018, in the case of *Farzin v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. Mr. Mohammad Ali Farzin filed the appeal on 21 November 2018, and the Secretary-General filed his answer on 21 January 2019.

Facts and Procedure

2. Mr. Farzin joined the service of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Iran in 1999 as a Programme Officer on a fixed-term appointment. At the time of his separation, effective 30 September 2016, Mr. Farzin was a Programme Specialist on a permanent appointment at the NO-C Grade, Step 12.

3. On 26 August 2015, Mr. Farzin contacted UNDP's Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) alleging that his supervisors in the Iran Office of UNDP had engaged in misconduct. In a follow-up e-mail dated 2 September 2015, Mr. Farzin provided further details of the matter to OAI asserting that his supervisors had misrepresented his work within and outside of UNDP, thereby triggering "some form of (national) process of sorts (enquiry) ... focused on [him]". The next day, the Investigations Specialist, Investigation Section, OAI, informed Mr. Farzin that the allegations raised in his message did not amount to misconduct, but, rather were management matters. She advised that the matter could be referred to the Director, Regional Bureau Asia and the Pacific (RBAP). By e-mail dated 6 September 2015, Mr. Farzin requested further clarification as to the difference between matters that were to be considered management concerns versus those that fell within the purview of OAI. On 8 September 2015, OAI informed Mr. Farzin that all matters relating to allegations of misconduct fell under OAI's jurisdiction and were assessed to determine whether they warranted an investigation or another action such as referral to another unit, or closure. OAI advised that it had no mandate to investigate management decisions, unless they amounted to misconduct, but the matter he reported did not rise to the level of misconduct.

4. On 15 October 2015, UNDP received a Note Verbale from the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). On 12 November 2015, Mr. Farzin met with the Resident Representative (RR) and Deputy Resident Representative (DRR) to discuss UNDP's receipt of the Note Verbale.

5. On 15 November 2015, Mr. Farzin forwarded his e-mail exchange to the Director, RBAP to request that he take further action. The Director, RBAP responded the following day that he would need time to look into the matter.

6. On 19 November 2015, the RR sent an e-mail to Mr. Farzin recording the discussions of 12 November 2016, including that the objections raised by the MFA concerned Mr. Farzin's performance of his duties with respect to certain projects in Iran.

7. Mr. Farzin provided additional information to the Director, RBAP on 30 November 2015. On 9 May 2016, Mr. Farzin sent a follow-up e-mail to the Director, RBAP inquiring about the status of his case.

8. On 29 May 2016, the RR informed Mr. Farzin, in writing, that pursuant to a "change management" process undertaken by UNDP, his post would be abolished. On 30 June 2016, the RR addressed a letter to Mr. Farzin in which the RR informed Mr. Farzin that in the following three months he would have to find a new assignment to remain with the Organization. He also informed Mr. Farzin that he could choose to be considered for Agreed Separation.

9. On 4 September 2016, Mr. Farzin applied for Agreed Separation and on 3 October 2016, he was informed by UNDP that his application had been approved. On 30 October 2016, Mr. Farzin signed a "Certificate of No Contest (CNC)/Lump Sum" formalizing his Agreed Separation. Pursuant to the certificate, Mr. Farzin was to receive a termination indemnity in the amount of 18 months' net base salary, and an additional three months' worth of cash in lieu of notice and cash worth of accrued annual leave, if any, up to a maximum of 60 days. In signing the Certificate, Mr. Farzin certified that he would "not contest the terms of [his] separation" and agreed "to withdraw any claims or proceedings that [he] may have initiated arising from [his] status, entitlements or tenure as a staff member, fully, finally and entirely, including on the merits, and that [he would] not pursue or initiate any claims or proceedings concerning such status, entitlements or tenure in the future, contingent to the payment of the termination indemnity agreed to". Mr. Farzin added a handwritten note to his signature reading "Will not contest the 'terms of separation'".

10. On 11 November 2016, Mr. Farzin wrote to the Director, RBAP again inquiring about the status of his case and seeking information about "any actions and their results that may have been taken by UNDP with regard to [his] previous requests" and "any in[ve]stigation and/or investigation outcome that ha[d] affected [him]".

11. On 16 January 2017, Mr. Farzin participated, upon the request of the Director, RBAP in a conference call with the Chief of Human Resources Management, representing Human Resources, and an Investigations Specialist representing OAI. The purpose of the call was "to clarify the allegations [Mr. Farzin] made against ... [the RR and the DRR] following [his] most recent contacts with the Ombudsman's office". On 18 January 2017, the Investigations Specialist, OAI sent an e-mail to Mr. Farzin summarizing the conference call. The e-mail reiterated that it had been explained to Mr. Farzin that the issues he had with the RR and DRR "stemmed from a fundamental difference of opinion" and were not within OAI's authority and that "in order for OAI to investigate [the alleged defamation against the RR and DRR,] [Mr. Farzin] would have to present some evidence warranting further inquiries".

12. By e-mail dated 21 January 2017, Mr. Farzin acknowledged receipt of the Investigations Specialist's communication and stated that she had provided "a good summary of what was discussed on the phone". He went on to elaborate on seven points "for [the Investigations Specialist's] perusal" and concluded that he would "also start gathering together as much evidence (...) as possible".

13. On 16 March 2017, Mr. Farzin requested management evaluation of "any decision made by UNDP [Country Office] senior management to initiate, comply with and/or support an investigation process related to [him] in Iran". On 24 April 2017, the UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Management Services denied Mr. Farzin's request for management evaluation, *inter alia*, on the grounds that Mr. Farzin's request for management evaluation did not identify a contestable administrative decision and that the events referred to by Mr. Farzin had occurred more than 60 days prior to the date of his request for management evaluation.

14. On 20 July 2017, Mr. Farzin filed an application before the UNDT contesting the

> [d]ecisions to not proceed with justifiable request for enquiry, investigation and reporting – on the outcome of quite non-transparent processes that took place regarding [Mr. Farzin] in the Country Office – which once undertaken could have clarified

> significant bias, discrimination and purposeful conspiring; decisions thereby depriving a permanent staff member of rights, privileges and immunities in a difficult working context; depriving the right to enquiry, clarification and assurance – along with the benefits of security of function and action while working with the [United Nations]; and thereby sustaining a misleading and confusing working situation through managerial decisions which affected [Mr. Farzin's] employment situation, and [his] performance, efficiency and results and with consequent side effects; and which should have led to serious disciplinary measures.

15. On 1 October 2018, the UNDT issued its Judgment on Receivability dismissing Mr. Farzin's application. The UNDT found that the Certificate of No Contest had "all the hallmarks of a binding agreement freely entered into by [Mr. Farzin] for a consideration which he would not otherwise have been entitled to, and there is no suggestion by [Mr. Farzin] that it was procured by duress, misrepresentation or other impermissible consideration or action".[1] The UNDT found that although Mr. Farzin had added a handwritten note to his signature reading "Will not contest the 'terms of separation'", he had not deleted any of the text preceding his signature which, the UNDT found, was sufficiently wide to preclude the initiation of any claim arising from his status or tenure with UNDP. Mr. Farzin had therefore no standing to bring claims related to, or arising from, his period of employment with UNDP. Furthermore, Mr. Farzin had not clearly identified the contested decision and finally, he had also failed to submit a timely request for management evaluation.

Submissions

Mr. Farzin's Appeal

16. The UNDT erred in finding that Mr. Farzin had no standing to bring a claim because he had signed a Certificate of No Contest. The obligation Mr. Farzin undertook in the Certificate of No Contest did not preclude him from bringing his claim because the basis for his claim had only been revealed to him after he had already separated from UNDP. Since 2014, serious allegations had been made against the United Nations in Iran, in particular that the United Nations had "unethically influenced the outcome of national Judiciary and Bar court proceedings, to [Mr. Farzin's] favour". The United Nations had been possibly informed as early as 2014 and had deliberately failed to inform Mr. Farzin, thereby seriously abusing both his staff rights and human rights.

[1] Impugned Judgment, para. 8.

17. Mr. Farzin became aware of the serious allegations made against him only after he had already left UNDP. In October/November 2016, the Prosecutor's system showed him the case file of formal allegations against the United Nations management and himself. Upon seeing the file, Mr. Farzin promptly informed the UNDP Ethics Office and Ombudsman as well as UNDP in Iran of the "slander against the UN management (and its staff member), requesting guidance and action". The Ombudsman responded, and subsequently UNDP Headquarters responded in January 2017. On that basis, Mr. Farzin then requested management evaluation. The UNDT therefore erred in finding that he had failed to file a timely request for management evaluation.

18. The UNDT misconstrued the decision Mr. Farzin sought to challenge. In late 2014, UNDP Iran made the "unilateral decision" to change Mr. Farzin's NOC level programme manager mandate and task of "supervising linked poverty-environment-growth projects" to "new programme/business development and resource mobilization". The basis of this decision remains unclear. Despite Mr. Farzin's repeated requests to receive the terms of reference (ToR), he only received them in October 2015, 10 months after having been formally informed of his new mandate. In September 2015, one month prior to receiving his ToR, Mr. Farzin had requested that OAI conduct an investigation into his "concerns regarding [his] new mandate, lack of ToR, UNDP management abuse, [his] sense that local national counterparts [we]re confused by [his] new role, [...] possible local sensitivity and uncertainty as to what [he] was doing, and specifically that serious 'mis-representation' m[ight] have been made by UNDP management regarding [him] and [his] new role to the national authorities". The "purposeful 'mis-representation' by UNDP management, in a complex working context and when a ToR had not been issued along with significant uncertainty created, and at the exact time that allegations had also been made, had made [him] highly vulnerable as a staff member and was [...] a strong case for a contestable administrative decision".

19. Following the initiation of his complaint and OAI's response that the matters raised related to management issues rather than misconduct, Mr. Farzin followed the procedures as instructed by OAI. He complained to the Director, RBAP thereby engaging directly with UNDP on the matter. Contrary to the UNDT's finding, there was no need for him to raise an issue against OAI at that time. In his complaint to the Director, RBAP, he raised the same issues he had originally raised with OAI, and additionally provided new information regarding further purposeful mis-representations against him, which he had only become aware of later. Despite

his formal complaint to the Director, RBAP and his formal follow-up during his tenure with UNDP until the end of September 2016, Mr. Farzin never received a response.

20. In January 2017, Mr. Farzin received, for the first time, a formal response from UNDP which was very similar to what he had initially been told by OAI in September 2015. UNDP thereby failed to address the new issues Mr. Farzin had raised. Mr. Farzin informed UNDP formally that he refused to accept its position. He then initiated a request for management evaluation and subsequently filed his application with the UNDT. Having followed the applicable procedure, Mr. Farzin fails to understand the UNDT's dismissal of his application on this basis.

21. The matter Mr. Farzin had initially raised with OAI in September 2015 was the "specific mis-representation by UNDP management (regarding [his] new assigned role within UNDP and other aspects)". His subsequent application to the UNDT was based on "a complaint against UNDP management decisions that were biased and discriminatory against [Mr. Farzin] – through mis-representation – ever since 2014 and which ha[d] caused [him] significant vulnerability and duress" in violation of his "legitimate expectations as a staff member". Mr. Farzin "had informed of non-transparent, biased and discriminatory behavior[u]r and actions against [him], and provided examples and evidence, that had taken place against [him] throughout 2014, 2015 and 2016", including the UNDT ruling in the case of *Shadian*.[2]

22. Mr. Farzin requests that the Appeals Tribunal hold an oral hearing.

The Secretary-General's Answer

23. The UNDT correctly concluded that the application was not receivable *ratione materiae* because Mr. Farzin had signed a Certificate of No Contest. From the plain language of the Certificate of No Contest agreement, it is clear that the undertaking did not include any wording that would suggest that this agreement was limited to claims of which Mr. Farzin was aware. The Appeals Tribunal has previously held that it will enforce separation agreements between the Organization and staff members. In the present case, the agreement was made by both sides in good faith, absent any duress or deceit, and neither the application nor the appeal provide any reason to overturn it.

[2] *Shadian v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. UNDT/2017/087.

24. Even if the Appeals Tribunal were to accept that Mr. Farzin was permitted to bring new claims based on new information, such an exception would not apply in this case. Mr. Farzin's submissions did not include any facts that he had not been aware of before signing the Certificate of No Contest agreement. In his request for management evaluation, Mr. Farzin requested the review of decisions related to the alleged cooperation between the UNDP Iran Country Office and the Iranian Government. However, in his 2 September 2015 message to OAI, Mr. Farzin already stated that he was concerned because he had been led to believe he was being investigated by local national authorities, in relation to his work with UNDP. The material facts serving as the basis for the contested decision were therefore already known to Mr. Farzin before he signed the Certificate of No Contest agreement. Consequently, the UNDT correctly concluded that the application was not receivable *ratione materiae*.

25. The UNDT correctly construed Mr. Farzin's application as challenging the denial of his own request for an investigation. Regarding this decision, Mr. Farzin never sought management evaluation. The management evaluation request filed by Mr. Farzin only contested the alleged UNDP cooperation in an unspecified investigation again him.

26. Even if Mr. Farzin's application were to be broadly construed as challenging the alleged UNDP cooperation in an unspecified investigation against him, the events relevant to this claim in 2014 and 2015 had been subject of 2015 correspondence between Mr. Farzin and OAI. Accordingly, Mr. Farzin should have requested management evaluation in 2015. His management evaluation request of March 2017 was therefore not timely.

27. In response to Mr. Farzin's contention that the UNDT erred in finding that he had failed to identify the contested administrative decision, the Secretary-General contends that the UNDT merely made a passing observation about the lack of clarity of the application, but did not reject his application on that ground. Rather, the UNDT dismissed his application on the grounds that Mr. Farzin was precluded from bringing a claim because of the Certificate of No Contest agreement he had signed and his failure to file a timely request for management evaluation.

28. The Secretary-General requests that the Appeals Tribunal dismiss Mr. Farzin's appeal in its entirety.

Considerations

29. The Dispute Tribunal concluded that Mr. Farzin's application was not receivable for two alternative reasons. First, the UNDT found that the application was not receivable, since Mr. Farzin did not have standing to bring claims related to, or arising from, his period of employment with UNDP.[3] Second, the UNDT found Mr. Farzin's application was not receivable *ratione materiae*, because he had failed to submit a timely request for management evaluation.[4]

30. Mr. Farzin appeals on the ground that the UNDT erred in law and in fact when it found that his application was not receivable. For the reasons which follow, we find that this appeal is entirely without merit.

31. The UNDT's conclusions on the first question of receivability are set out in the following paragraphs of its Judgment:[5]

> ... On 30 October 2016, the Applicant signed a "Certificate of No Contest/Lump Sum" formalizing his agreed separation. In addition to setting forth the conditions of the separation, the CNC contains opening and closing clauses as follows (emphasis added):
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> > I hereby certify that **I will not contest the termination of my appointment** in accordance with the provisions of Staff Regulation 9.3 (a) subject to the payment of termination indemnities as specified in Annex III to the UN Staff Regulations.
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> > ...
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> > In signing this Certificate of No Contest (CNC), I acknowledge that I have fully understood the conditions of this Agreed Separation. I also acknowledge that this separation has been mutually agreed between the Organization and myself, and at the same time I am certifying that **I will not contest the terms of my separation**. **Additionally**, upon signature of this CNC, **I agree to withdraw any claims or proceedings that I may have initiated arising from my status, entitlements or tenure as a staff member, fully, finally and entirely, including on the merits, and that I will not pursue or initiate any claims or proceedings concerning such status, entitlements or tenure in the future, contingent to the payment of the termination indemnity agreed to**.

[3] Impugned Judgment, para. 11.
[4] *Ibid.*, para. 15.
[5] *Ibid.*, paras. 7-11 (original emphases).

> ... The CNC has all the hallmarks of a binding agreement freely entered into by the Applicant for a consideration which he would not otherwise have been entitled to, and there is no suggestion by the Applicant that it was procured by duress, misrepresentation or other impermissible consideration or action.
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> ... Although the Applicant added a handwritten footnote to his signature reading "Will not contest 'terms of separation'" he did not delete any of the text preceding his signature which is sufficiently wide to preclude the initiation of any claim arising from his status or tenure with UNDP.
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> ... Notwithstanding the fact that the Applicant did not clearly identify the decision(s) he sought to contest, the Tribunal notes that the Applicant's claims—such as "non transparent processes" in the UNDP Country Office that would have revealed significant bias, discrimination and a conspiracy that deprived him of his rights, privileges and immunities as a permanent staff member working under difficult conditions in Iran or that prior to his separation he was subjected to treatment that impugned his professional and private status any such action took place in the summer of 2015 or thereabouts—all relate to his period of employment with UNDP, which ceased on 30 September 2016.
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> ... The Tribunal finds that the Applicant does not have standing to bring claims related to or arising from his period of employment with UNDP.

32. Under the specific circumstances of the present case, we agree with and uphold the UNDT's finding that Mr. Farzin's application was not receivable as he had waived the relevant right of his and therefore did not have standing to bring before the Dispute Tribunal claims related to, or arising from, his period of employment with UNDP.

33. However, while this finding was sufficient to dispose of the application at this juncture,[6] the UNDT went on to rule that Mr. Farzin's application was not receivable because of non-compliance with the mandatory deadlines. In this regard, the UNDT stated:[7]

> ... The Applicant alleges that after his separation in September 2016, he became aware of new information that prompted him, as a former staff member, to submit a new request for an OAI investigation. On 17 January 2017, OAI replied to the Applicant by reiterating its 2015 advice, namely that what the Applicant had raised were management issues not falling within OAI jurisdiction, thus preventing it from conducting an investigation. The Applicant requested management evaluation of this decision and, subsequently, filed [ ]his application.

[6] *Ibid.*, para. 12.
[7] *Ibid.*, paras. 14-15.

> ... If the Applicant wished to challenge the refusal of his request for an OAI investigation, he ought to have done so in 2015/2016. He did not do so. Further, the decision communicated to him on 17 January 2017 is a reiteration of the earlier decision and, in accordance with established jurisprudence, it does not reset the clock of statutory deadlines to, for instance, request management evaluation and, eventually, to come before the Tribunal [...].

34. We affirm, albeit for different reasons, the UNDT's final legal conclusion that Mr. Farzin's application was not receivable *ratione materiae*, since he had failed to seek management evaluation of that decision. The Appeals Tribunal is, however, of the view that the UNDT should have rejected Mr. Farzin's application, challenging "any decision made by UNDP [Country Office] senior management to initiate, comply with and/or support an investigation process related to [him] in Iran", on a different ground of admissibility.

35. Article 2(1)*(a)* of the UNDT Statute confers jurisdiction upon the UNDT to hear and pass judgment on an application to appeal an administrative decision that is alleged to be in non-compliance with the terms of appointment or the contract of employment. The terms "contract" and "terms of appointment" include all pertinent regulations and rules and all relevant administrative issuances in force at the time of the alleged non-compliance.

36. Thus, a statutory burden is placed upon an applicant to establish that the administrative decision in issue was in non-compliance with the terms of his or her appointment or contract of employment. Such a burden cannot be met where the applicant fails to identify an administrative decision capable of being reviewed, that is, a specific decision which has a direct and adverse impact on the applicant's contractual rights.[8]

37. We have reviewed Mr. Farzin's application to the UNDT and find that there is no reviewable administrative decision within the meaning of Article 2(1)*(a)* of the UNDT Statute.

[8] *Haydar v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2018-UNAT-821, para. 13, citing *Selim v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2015-UNAT-581, *Reid v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2014-UNAT-419, *Obino v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2014-UNAT-405, and *Planas v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2010-UNAT-049.

38. First, we recall that an appealable administrative decision is a decision whereby its key characteristic is the capacity to produce direct legal consequences affecting a staff member's terms and conditions of appointment. Further, the date of an administrative decision is based on objective elements that both parties (Administration and staff member) can accurately determine.[9]

39. Second, we note that, while the UNDT has the inherent authority to individualize and define the administrative decision impugned by a party in a specific case, the UNDT is not at large in this regard.[10] In the case at hand, we find that the UNDT had no primary legal or factual basis from which it could conclude that Mr. Farzin had properly sought judicial review of a specific reviewable administrative decision. Nor do the numerous complaints set forth in the application and summarized in the impugned Judgment give, as correctly acknowledged by the UNDT,[11] any clear legal or factual premise upon which the UNDT would be entitled to base a positive conclusion in terms of this matter. Therefore, Mr. Farzin's application fell to be dismissed as irreceivable due to his failure to identify in clear and precise terms a specific administrative decision to be challenged.

40. Third, the purpose of management evaluation is to afford the Administration the opportunity to correct any errors in an administrative decision so that judicial review of the administrative decision is not necessary.[12] Thus, management evaluation has a specific mandate to review contested administrative decisions, not to make decisions in respect of staff members' requests in the first instance.[13] Clearly identifying the administrative decision the staff member disagrees with is essential for this goal to be met.[14]

41. Finally, a "decision" in response to a grievance or complaint, the Management Evaluation Unit's "decision", is not an administrative decision subject to judicial review by the Dispute Tribunal. Rather, the judicially reviewable administrative decision is the underlying decision "that is alleged to be in non-compliance with the terms of appointment or the contract of

[9] *Abu Nqairah v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*, Judgment No. 2018-UNAT-854, para. 16, citing *Kazazi v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2015-UNAT-557, para. 28, in turn citing *Lee v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2014-UNAT-481, in turn citing former Administrative Tribunal Judgment No. 1157, *Andronov* (2003), para. V.
[10] *Survo v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2015-UNAT-595, para. 84, citing *Massabni v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2012-UNAT-238.
[11] Impugned Judgment, para. 10.
[12] General Assembly resolution A/RES/62/228.
[13] *Survo v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2015-UNAT-595, para. 84.
[14] *Pirnea v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2013-UNAT-311, para. 42.

employment of the staff member".[15] Consequently, if as in the present case the underlying decision itself cannot be subject to judicial review, then the procedures utilized by the Administration in responding to a request for management evaluation also cannot be subject to judicial review. Mr. Farzin cannot create a right to challenge the Administration's procedures for responding to requests for management evaluation when that right does not exist in the Staff Rules or elsewhere.

42. Mr. Farzin's appeal fails to persuade us of the existence of any reviewable administrative decision that the UNDT overlooked. Accordingly, the appeal has no merit and is dismissed.

[15] *Auda v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2017-UNAT-740, para. 22, citing *Nwuke v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2016-UNAT-697, para. 22, in turn quoting *Kalashnik v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2016-UNAT-661, paras. 25-30. See also, *Abu Nqairah v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*, Judgment No. 2018-UNAT-854, para. 22.

Judgment

43. The appeal is dismissed and Judgment No. UNDT/2018/096 is affirmed.

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Dated this 29th day of March 2019 in New York, United States.

(Signed)	*(Signed)*	*(Signed)*
Judge Raikos, Presiding	Judge Knierim	Judge Thomas-Felix

Entered in the Register on this 29th day of May 2019 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin, Registrar