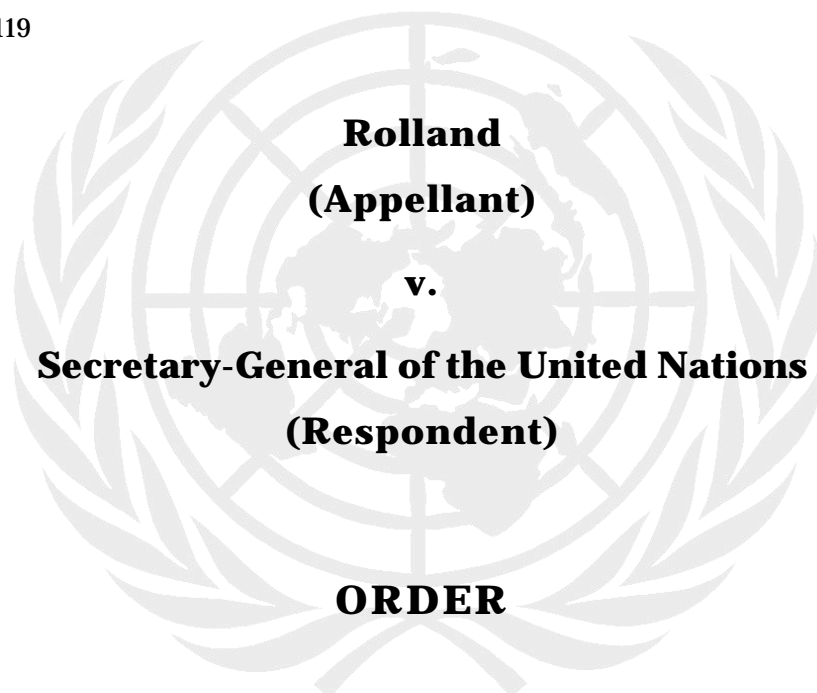




**UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES**

Case No. 2010-119



**Rolland
(Appellant)**

v.

**Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Respondent)**

ORDER

Before:	Judge Kamaljit Singh Garewal, Duty Judge
Order No.:	23 (2010)
Date:	26 October 2010
Registrar:	Weicheng Lin

Counsel for Respondent: Antigoni Axenidou

1. On 18 May 2010, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT or Dispute Tribunal) issued Judgment No. 2010/095 in respect of the application by Catherine Rolland (Rolland). She appealed that judgment on 24 July 2010. A copy of her appeal was forwarded to the Secretary-General on 12 August 2010. The deadline for an Answer was therefore 27 September 2010, but that day came and went without any response from the Secretary-General.

2. By email dated 20 October 2010 to the Registry of the Appeals Tribunal, the Secretary-General requested that he be allowed to file an Answer to Rolland's appeal on or by 19 November 2010. He explained that due to an oversight, Rolland's appeal forwarded by the registry of this Tribunal had not been forwarded internally within the Office of Legal Affairs, and that the matter was not picked up until 20 October, when the Registry of this Tribunal reminded him of the pending appeal from Rolland. The Secretary-General further explained that the transmittal of Rolland's appeal came before the institution of the practice of forwarding appeals to multiple staff members working in the Office of Legal Affairs so as to avoid any recurrence of such oversight.

3. Under Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, "the President or the panel hearing a case may shorten or extend a time limit fixed by the rules of procedure or waive any rule when the interests of justice so require".

4. I have considered the Secretary-General's reasons and note the remedial measure in place to ensure that the oversight of this nature will not happen again. I decide to extend the deadline for a limited time.

ORDER

5. For the foregoing reasons, I, Judge Kamaljit Singh Garewal, Duty Judge, grant the Secretary-General's request for extension of the time limit to 12 November 2010. I further order the Secretary-General to attach a copy of this Order to his Answer, if any.

THE UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Order No. 23 (2010)

Dated this 26th day of October 2010 in New York, United States.

Original: English

(Signed)

Judge Garewal, Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 26th day of October 2010 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin, Registrar