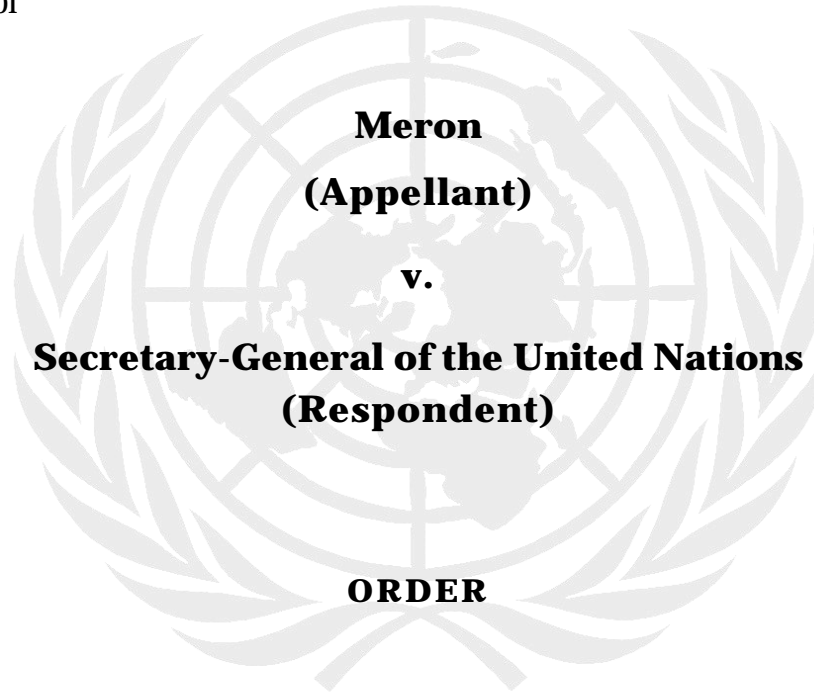




**UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES**

Case No. 2010-201



Before: Judge Jean Courtial, President

Order No.: 42 (2011)

Date: 25 February 2011

Registrar: Weicheng Lin

Counsel for Appellant: Self-represented

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPEAL

1. On 7 January 2011, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2011/004 in the case of *Meron v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*.

2. Pursuant to Article 7(1)(c) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal (Statute), an appeal must be filed within 45 days of the receipt of the judgment of the Dispute Tribunal. Accordingly, the time limit for filing an appeal in this case expired on 21 February 2011.

3. On 21 February 2011, Raya Meron (Meron) filed a request for a 3-months extension of time to file her appeal on medical grounds.¹ She attaches a medical certificate to her request.

4. Article 7(3) of the Statute provides that “[t]he Appeals Tribunal may decide in writing, upon written request by the applicant, to suspend or waive the deadlines for a limited period of time and *only in exceptional circumstances*”². The Appeals Tribunal has repeatedly held that it “has been strictly enforcing, and will continue to strictly enforce, the various time limits”.³

5. I have considered Meron’s request and the medical certificate proffered and am persuaded by her reasons. Her medical condition clearly constitutes exceptional circumstances warranting an extension of the time limit provided for by our Statute.

¹ Following some correspondence between the Registry of the Appeals Tribunal and Meron between 21 and 23 February 2011, Meron re-filed her motion on 23 February 2011.

² Emphasis added.

³ See *Islam v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 7 (2010); *Mezoui v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2010-UNAT-043.

ORDER

6. For the foregoing reason, I grant Meron's request for an extension of time to file her appeal and order that her appeal, if any, is due by 20 May 2011.

Original and authoritative version: English

Dated this 25th day of February 2011 in Paris, France.

(Signed)

Judge Courtial,
President

Entered in the Register on this 25th day of February 2011 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin,
Registrar