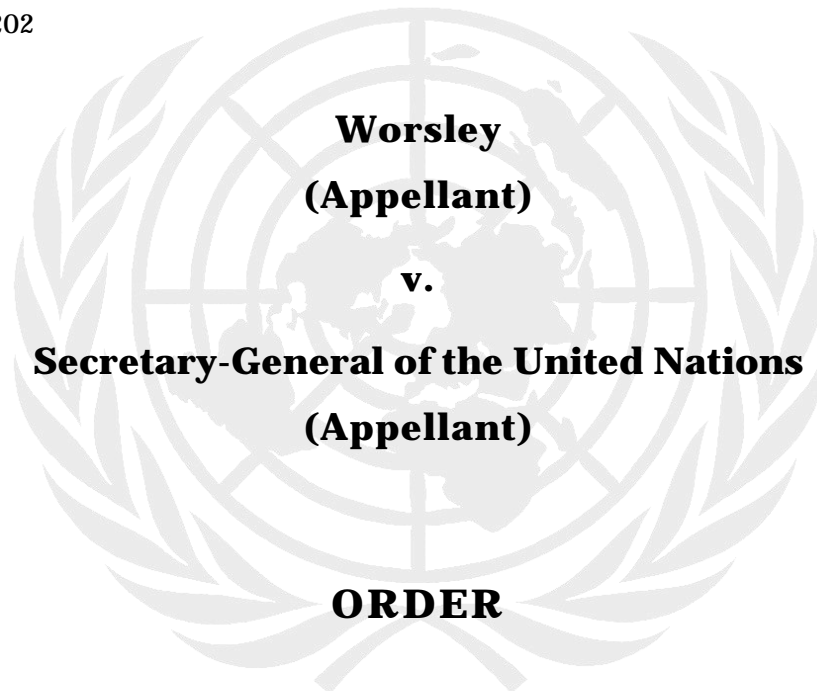




**UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES**

Case No. 2011-202



Before:	Judge Jean Courtial, President
Order No.:	47 (2011)
Date:	4 March 2011
Registrar:	Weicheng Lin

Counsel for Appellant: Self-represented

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPEAL AGAINST UNDT
JUDGMENT**

1. On 27 January 2011, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT or Dispute Tribunal) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2011/024, which rejected the application of Maureen Worsley (Worsley). The Judgment was sent to the parties on 28 January 2011.
2. Under 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. The time limit for filing an appeal against Judgment No. UNDT/2011/024 therefore expires on 15 March 2011.
3. On 21 February 2011, Worsley filed a request for an extension of time until 30 April 2011 to file an appeal. She submits that she has applied for funding from the Staff Coordinating Council of the United Nations Office in Geneva for representation in her appeal. The Staff Coordinating Council is unable to consider her application until early April, after the elections for positions on the Council have been held. Worsley explains that she is unable to obtain assistance from the Office of Staff Legal Assistance (OSLA), as her application before the UNDT contested OSLA's refusal to provide legal assistance to her in February 2010.

CONSIDERATIONS

4. Article 7(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal (Rules) provides that “[i]n exceptional cases, an appellant may submit a written request to the Appeals Tribunal seeking suspension, waiver or extension of the time limits referred to in article 7.1”.
5. The Appeals Tribunal has repeatedly held that it “has been strictly enforcing, and will continue to strictly enforce, the various time limits”.¹
6. Having carefully considered Worsley's request, I find that it has no merit. A staff member does not have a right to obtain free legal assistance in connection with pursuing his or her case before this Tribunal. Under Article 13 of the Rules, a party may be

¹ See *Meron v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 42 (2011); *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.

represented in his or her case before this Tribunal in person, by counsel authorized to practice law in a national jurisdiction, by counsel from OSLA, or by a staff member or a former staff member of the United Nations or one of its specialized agencies. Although Worsley is unable to obtain assistance from OSLA, there are a range of options available to her for obtaining assistance regarding her potential appeal.

7. Worsley has provided no valid reason warranting an extension of time.

ORDER

8. For the foregoing reasons, I, Judge Jean Courtial, President of the Appeals Tribunal, reject Worsley's request for an extension of time to file an appeal.

Dated this 4th day of March 2011 in New York, United States.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

(Signed)

Judge Courtial, President

Entered in the Register on this 4th day of March 2011 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin, Registrar