



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2011-188

Lauritzen (Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations (Respondent)

ORDER No. 71 (2011)

1. By Orders No. 38 and No. 48, the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) granted Ms. Françoise Lauritzen an extension of time until 26 April 2011 and then 1 November 2011, respectively, to file a brief in support of her appeal.¹ The Appeals Tribunal considered that the medical condition suffered by Ms. Lauritzen constituted exceptional circumstances which justified her extension request.

2. On 13 October 2011, Ms. Lauritzen filed a request for a further extension of six months to file her appeal brief. In support of her request, she submits a medical certificate which certifies that Ms. Lauritzen will be undergoing medical treatment for several months.

3. I would like to note that in the interest of justice, even when medically justifiable, and while upon notification of this request the Secretary-General did not object to it, there should be a limit to the number of extensions granted to a party. Furthermore, such extensions prolong the suspension of the Secretary-General's obligation to execute the decision rendered by the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Judgment No. UNDT/2010/172.

4. I nevertheless consider that the persisting medical condition suffered by Ms. Lauritzen constitutes exceptional circumstances and justifies her request for an additional extension of time to file her appeal brief.

5. I therefore grant Ms. Lauritzen, under Article 7(3) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal, a further extension of time to file her appeal brief by 1 May 2012.

¹ *Lauritzen v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 38 (2011), 24 January 2011; *Lauritzen v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 48 (2011), 11 April 2011.

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Dated this 26th day of October 2011 in Accra, Ghana.

(Signed)
Judge Adinyira, Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 26th day of October
2011 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar