



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2012-377

Dannan
(Appellant)

v.

**Commissioner-General of the
United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**
(Respondent)

ORDER No. 118 (2012)

1. On 9 September 2012, Mr. Mohammed Dannan filed an appeal against Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2012/039 rendered by the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA DT) on 27 August 2012 in the case of *Mohammed Dannan v. Commissioner-General of UNRWA*.
2. The Commissioner-General of UNRWA (Commissioner-General) received the appeal on 18 September 2012.
3. On 23 November 2012, the Commissioner-General filed a motion requesting an extension of the time limit to file an answer to the appeal until 29 November 2012. He states that he failed to submit a timely answer because of an internal oversight.
4. Under Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (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”. While the Appeals Tribunal “has consistently held that it strictly enforces the

various time limits under its Statute and rules”¹, I find that in this particular case, it is in the interests of justice to extend the time limit to file an answer to the appeal since receiving submissions from both parties in any given case will greatly assist the Appeals Tribunal in its deliberations² and furthermore, the mentioned extension will not prejudice Mr. Dannan’s rights.

5. For the foregoing reasons, I grant the Commissioner-General’s Motion and order that, under Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, he shall be entitled to file an answer to Mr. Dannan’s appeal, if any, by 14 December 2012, considering that the date he requested for has already elapsed.

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Dated 7th day of December 2012 in
Paris, France.

(Signed)
Judge Jean Courtial, Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 7th day of December
2012 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar

¹ *Nyakossi v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 72 (2011), 3 November 2011

² *See Islam v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 7 (2010), 9 September 2010