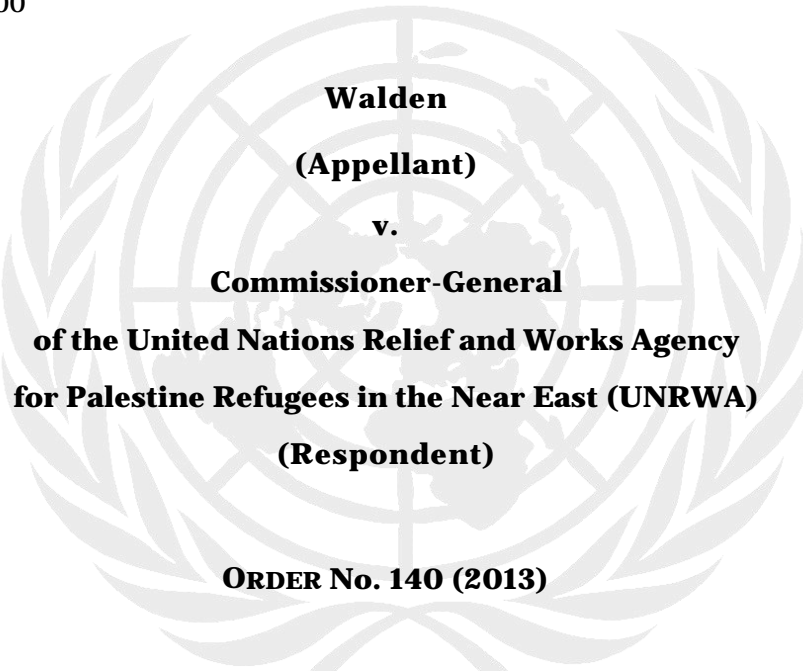




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2013-500



**Walden
(Appellant)**

v.

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

ORDER No. 140 (2013)

1. On 14 June 2013, Ms. Anna Segall, as Counsel for the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, filed a “request for suspension, waiver or extension of time limit to appeal” in respect of Judgment No. UNWRA/DT/2013/011, rendered by the UNRWA Dispute Tribunal (UNRWA DT) on 18 April 2013 in the above-captioned case. The deadline for appeal was 17 June 2013. The Counsel requests an extension of the time limit for appeal for three weeks, i.e., until 8 July 2013.

2. The Counsel states that additional time is needed to allow the Commissioner-General of UNRWA to review a large body of documents emanating from an investigation and two previous proceedings, and to analyze a number of complex factual and legal issues. She maintains that the requested extension would enable UNRWA to mount a reasoned appeal without prejudicing the rights of the staff member concerned.

3. Article 7(1)(c) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal provides that an appeal must be filed within 60 calendar days of receipt of the judgment. Article 7(3) empowers the Appeals Tribunal to “suspend or waive the deadlines for a limited period of time and only in

exceptional cases”. Under Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, “the President ... may shorten or extend a time limit ... when the interests of justice so require”.

4. The Appeals Tribunal expects parties to diligently protect their interests and take time limits and other statutory procedures seriously.¹ It does, however, have the power to extend the time limit for filing an appeal in “exceptional cases” “when the interests of justice so require”. I am satisfied that this case presents such an exception. In my view, it will assist the Appeals Tribunal in its deliberations to receive a well-reasoned submission. However, I am prepared to extend the time limit by two weeks only. I am also prepared to extend the time limit for Mr. Walden to file an answer by two weeks following the expiry of the statutory time limit without the need to file a request for time extension, if he needs such an extension.

5. The request for extension of the time limit to appeal is granted in part. The appeal is now due by Thursday, 4 July 2013. Mr. Walden can profit from the same treatment if he wishes to do so.

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Dated this 20th day of June 2013 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Judge Luis María Simón,
President

Entered in the Register on this 20th day of June 2013
in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar

¹ *Kamara v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 131 (2013).