



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2013-473

Oummih

(Applicant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 149 (2013)

1. On 8 March 2013, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva rendered Judgment No. UNDT/2013/044 in the case of *Oummih v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*.
2. On 6 May 2013, the Secretary-General appealed Judgment No. UNDT/2013/044, and on 4 July 2013, Ms. Amal Oummih filed an answer and a cross-appeal. However, the filings did not conform to the format and content requirements of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (UNAT), as set forth in its Practice Direction No. 1.
3. On 9 July 2013, the UNAT Registry requested that Ms. Oummih cure the format and content defects in her filings and refile her answer and cross-appeal. On 19 July 2013, Mr. Oummih filed a motion seeking a seven-day extension of time to perfect her filings or, alternatively, a waiver of the format and content requirements. In her request, Ms. Oummih explains that she has been on sick leave and without access to the documents she had filed and the e-filing system to retrieve the pdf versions of the documents. She attaches a medical certificate to her request showing that she was on certified medical leave from 29 June 2013 through 29 July 2013.
4. Under Article 7(3) of the UNAT Statute, “[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 cases”.

5. I find that the circumstances of the present case are “exceptional” within the meaning of Article 7(3) of the UNAT Statute. Thus, Ms. Oummih’s request for a seven-day extension of time to refile her answer and cross-appeal is granted.

6. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Ms. Oummih shall file her answer and cross-appeal no later than 8 August 2013, provided said documents comply with UNAT Practice Direction No. 1. No further extensions of time will be granted.

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Dated this 1st day of August 2013
in Los Angeles, USA.

(Signed)
Judge Rosalyn Chapman,
Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 1st day of August 2013
in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar