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

Case No. 2014-581

## Nguyen-Kropp & Postica

v.

## **Secretary-General of the United Nations**

## ORDER No. 181 (2014)

- 1. On 20 December 2013, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in New York issued Judgment No. 2013/176 in the case of *Nguyen-Kropp & Postica v Secretary-General of the United Nations*. On 18 February 2014, the Secretary-General filed an appeal against the UNDT Judgment, which was transmitted to the other party on 19 February 2014. According to Counsel for Ms. Ali Loan Nguyen-Kropp and Mr. Florin Postica, an answer is due on 21 April 2014.
- 2. On 20 April 2014, Counsel for Ms. Nguyen-Kropp and Mr. Postica submitted a motion seeking a seven-day extension of time to file an answer to the Secretary-General's appeal. In support of his motion, counsel states that, on 20 April 2014, he received a call about a family member in need of urgent medical attention, and that he had to travel to Florida until 28 April 2014.
- 3. Under Article 7(3) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal, "[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".
- 4. Having reviewed the motion, I believe that the Counsel's family emergency situation constitutes an exceptional case warranting an extension of the time limit as requested.
- 5. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for a seven-day extension of the time limit is granted. The answer to the Secretary-General's appeal, if any, is now due on 29 April 2014.

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Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2014 in Dublin, Ireland (Signed)

*(Signed)* Judge Mary Faherty, President

Entered in the Register on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2014

in New York, United States.

(*Signed*) Weicheng Lin, Registrar