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Case No. 2014-564

**Asariotis  
(Applicant)**  
v.  
**Secretary-General of the United Nations  
(Respondent)**

**ORDER NO. 189**

1. On 19 November 2013, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva issued Judgment No. 2013/144 in *Asariotis v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. The Secretary-General of the United Nations appealed the Judgment on 20 January 2014 to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal). The appeal was transmitted to Ms. Regina Asariotis on 23 January 2014.
2. On 31 March 2014, the Appeals Tribunal issued Order No. 177 granting Ms. Asariotis' motion seeking an extension of time based on medical grounds. Based on the medical certificates before it, the Appeals Tribunal ordered that Ms. Asariotis should have sixty days "from the day she returns from certified sick leave, i.e. 7 April 2014".
3. On 30 May 2014, Ms. Asariotis filed a "Motion for an Extension of Time to File an Answer and Cross-Appeal", seeking a further extension of time until 1 July 2014. Attached to her Motion are three medical certificates certifying Ms. Asariotis' full sick leave for the period of 7 April 2014 to 25 April 2014; and 50 per cent sick leave from 28 April 2014 to the end of June. In the alternative, she requests that the Appeals Tribunal grant one additional month to file her answer and cross-appeal, if any.
4. Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure (Rules) of the Appeals Tribunal, "the President or the panel hearing a case may shorten or extend the time limit fixed by the rules of procedure or waive any rule when the interests of justice so require". The Appeals Tribunal "has consistently held that it strictly enforces the various time limits under its

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Statute and Rules”[of Procedure]”.<sup>1</sup> However, having considered the circumstances of Ms. Asariotis’ case, and in particular the fact that Ms. Asariotis will, until the end of June 2014, remain on certified sick leave at 50 %, I am satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to grant Ms. Asariotis’ alternative request.

5. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Ms. Asariotis has 30 days to file her answer and cross-appeal, if any, from the date of this Order.

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Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 in Vienna, Austria.

*(Signed)*

Judge Mary Faherty,  
President

Entered in the Register on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 in Vienna, Austria.

*(Signed)*

Weicheng Lin, Registrar

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