



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2013-521

**Al-Moued
(Appellant)**

v.

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

ORDER No. 197 (2014)

1. On 28 August 2013, Mr. Moued Salim Al-Moued filed a non-conforming appeal against Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2013/025, rendered by the Dispute Tribunal of UNRWA. He perfected the appeal on 18 September 2013. On the same date, the Registry of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Registry and Appeals Tribunal, respectively) forwarded a copy of Mr. Al-Moued's appeal to the Commissioner-General of UNRWA for an answer within 60 days.
2. On 19 August 2014, the representative of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA filed a motion for waiver of time limits and for leave to file an answer brief. He explained that the legal officer who was responsible for preparing the answer to Mr. Al-Moued's appeal "left the Agency and due to an internal administrative oversight, no legal officer was allocated to prepare the Agency's answer to the appeal". He asked the President of the Appeals Tribunal to waive the time limit so as to permit the Agency to participate in the proceedings and to file a late answer. In his view, this would assist the Appeals Tribunal in the disposal of the appeal without prejudice to Mr. Al-Moued. He "requests to be granted five days from the date of [this] Order" for the Agency to file an answer.
3. The Respondent's motion was transmitted on 27 August 2014 to Mr. Al-Moued for comments. On 10 September 2014, his counsel advised the Registry that neither he nor Mr. Al-Moued had any objection to the motion. However, the counsel requested

permission to respond to the answer to be filed by the Commissioner-General of UNRWA.

4. Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal, considering that Mr. Al-Moued has no objection to the motion and that it will assist the Appeals Tribunal in its deliberations to receive submissions from both parties in this particular case, the motion is granted in the interests of justice so that the Commissioner-General may file an answer to Mr. Al-Moued's appeal. Further, in view of the passage of time and the interests of justice, Mr. Al-Moued's request to submit observations on UNRWA's answer is also granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Commissioner-General of UNRWA shall file his answer no later than 16 September 2014. Observations by Mr. Al-Moued on UNRWA's answer, if any, should be filed within ten working days of the date of receipt of the answer.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 11th day of September 2014 in
London, United Kingdom

(Signed)
Judge Richard Lussick, President

Entered in the Register on this 11th day of
September 2014 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar