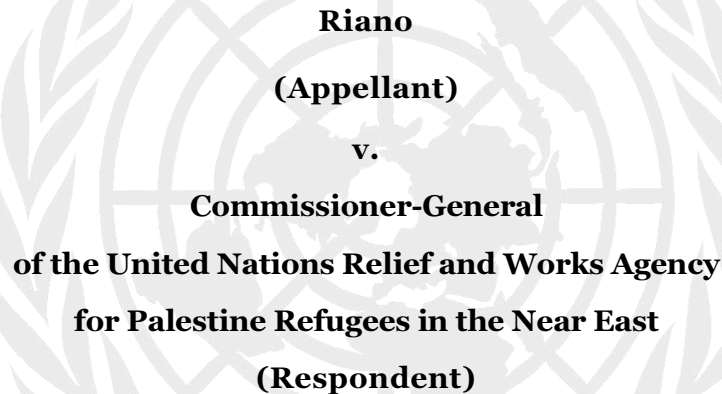




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2014-606



Riano
(Appellant)
v.
Commissioner-General
of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
(Respondent)

ORDER No. 201 (2014)

1. On 1 October 2013, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA and UNRWA DT, respectively) issued Judgment on the Merits No. UNRWA/DT/2013/035 in the case of *Riano v. Commissioner-General of UNRWA* and, on 13 March 2014, it rendered Judgment on Remedies No. UNRWA/DT/2014/004 in the same case. Mr. Camilo Riano appealed the two Judgments to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) on 15 May 2014. The Commissioner-General of UNRWA (Respondent) answered on 15 July 2014.

2. On 16 July 2014, the Respondent filed a motion for leave to amend the answer brief by dismissing or striking Part III, denominated “Preliminary Issue”, on the ground that Part III was based on a mistaken view that Annex 8 was not part of the case record before the UNRWA DT; it was in the record. The Respondent’s motion was subsequently forwarded to Mr. Riano for comments; however, no comments have been received.

3. The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that “a party may withdraw an appeal simply by giving notice and need not necessarily provide any further justification”.¹ We have applied the same rationale to grant a party’s request to withdraw a claim raised on appeal.²

4. For the foregoing reason, the Respondent’s motion for leave to amend the answer brief by withdrawing Part III (Preliminary Issue) from the answer brief should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent’s motion for leave to amend the answer brief IS GRANTED, and Part III (Preliminary Issue), paragraphs 7 through 9, are hereby stricken.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 15th day of October 2014 in
New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Rosalyn Chapman

Entered in the Register on this 15th day of
October 2014 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar

¹ See *Amar v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 73 (2011), quoting *Perrot-Maître v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 69 (2011); *Fayek v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 34 (2011).

² *Hunt-Matthes v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 167 (2014).