



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2015-697

Wu

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 225 (2015)

1. On 10 February 2015, Mr. Ming Wu filed an appeal against Judgment No. UNDT/2014/146, rendered by the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva on 19 December 2014, in the case of *Wu v. the Secretary-General of the United Nations*. On 13 April 2015, the Secretary-General filed his answer.
2. On 14 April 2015, Mr. Wu filed a “Motion for Leave to File Additional Pleadings” requesting leave to respond to the Secretary-General’s answer. On 16 April 2015, he supplemented his motion with a document entitled “Reasons for Motion”, in which he identified a number of statements or issues raised by the Secretary-General to which he wished to respond. On 27 April 2015, the Secretary-General filed his observations.
3. Under the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) Statute, the Appellant is not entitled to file a response to the answer to his appeal. However, Article 31(1) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure and Section II.A.3 of our Practice Direction No. 1 provide that we may allow leave to file additional pleadings after the filing of the answer if there are exceptional circumstances for doing so.
4. However, the Appeals Tribunal finds that Mr. Wu has not demonstrated exceptional circumstances for filing an additional submission. He seeks to provide additional details in response to the Secretary-General’s answer and also seeks to address matters outside the appeal. As to the former, all relevant information should have been part of the appeal; the latter raises irrelevant matters. Mr. Wu’s motion should be denied.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Wu's motion **IS DENIED**. The Registry is instructed not to include the additional filing as part of the case file.

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Dated this 1st day of July 2015 in
Geneva, Switzerland.

(Signed)
Judge Rosalyn Chapman, President

Entered in the Register on this 1st day of
July 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar