



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2016-888

**Uwais
(Appellant)**

v.

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

ORDER No. 254 (2016)

1. On 7 December 2015, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) issued Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2015/057, in the case of *Uwais v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*.
2. On 21 January 2016, Mr. Alaa Saleh Mohammed Uwais appealed. His appeal was forwarded on the same date to the Commissioner-General of UNRWA for an answer within 60 days, i.e., by 21 March 2016.
3. On 17 March 2016, the Commissioner-General of UNRWA filed a motion for an extension of the time limit to 7 April 2016, to file an answer. The Commissioner-General explained that the legal officer assigned to the case had taken unexpected leave due to a family emergency and would not return to work until 1 April 2016, and that it is not possible to assign to a different legal officer before 21 March 2016.
4. Article 7(3) of the Appeals Tribunal Statute provides that “[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”.
5. The Respondent’s motion for an extension of the time limit is granted, based on the Commissioner-General’s representations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commissioner-General's Motion for an extension of time is **GRANTED**, and he shall file his answer **no later than 7 April 2016**.

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Dated this 22nd day of March 2016 in New York,
United States.

Entered in the Register on this 22nd day of
March 2016 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Rosalyn Chapman,
President

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar