



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2016-900

Ademagic *et al.*
(Respondents/Appellants on Cross-Appeal)
v.
Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Appellant/Respondent on Cross-Appeal)
Order No. 261 (2016)

1. On 17 December 2015, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in Geneva issued Judgment No. UNDT/2015/115 in the case of *Ademagic et al. v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. In that Judgment, the UNDT rescinded the decisions denying each of the 246 current or former staff members of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (*Ademagic et al.*) conversion of their fixed-term appointments to permanent appointments, remanded the contested decisions to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management for reconsideration, and awarded EUR 3,000 in moral damages to each member of *Ademagic et al.*
2. On 15 February 2016, the Secretary-General of the United Nations filed an appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2015/115.
3. On 14 April 2016, *Ademagic et al.* filed both an answer to the appeal and a cross-appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2015/115. *Ademagic et al.* requested *inter alia* that the Appeals Tribunal of the United Nations “bring this litigation to an urgent end”. The cross-appeal was forwarded to the Secretary-General on 15 April 2016.

4. Given the protracted nature of this case, and the request for urgent consideration by Ademagic *et al.*, it is necessary to order that the time period for the Secretary-General to file his answer to the cross-appeal be shortened from 60 days to 45 days from the date of this Order so that this matter is fully briefed in time for placement on the docket and consideration by the Appeals Tribunal during the 2016 Summer Session, which starts on 20 June 2016. This Order assures the “fair and expeditious management of the case” and is made pursuant to Article 18*bis*(1) of the Appeals Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary-General’s answer to the cross-appeal, if any, should be submitted no later than 2 June 2016.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 18th day of April 2016 in Los Angeles, United States.

(Signed)

Judge Chapman, President

Entered in the Register on this 19th day of April 2016 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin, Registrar