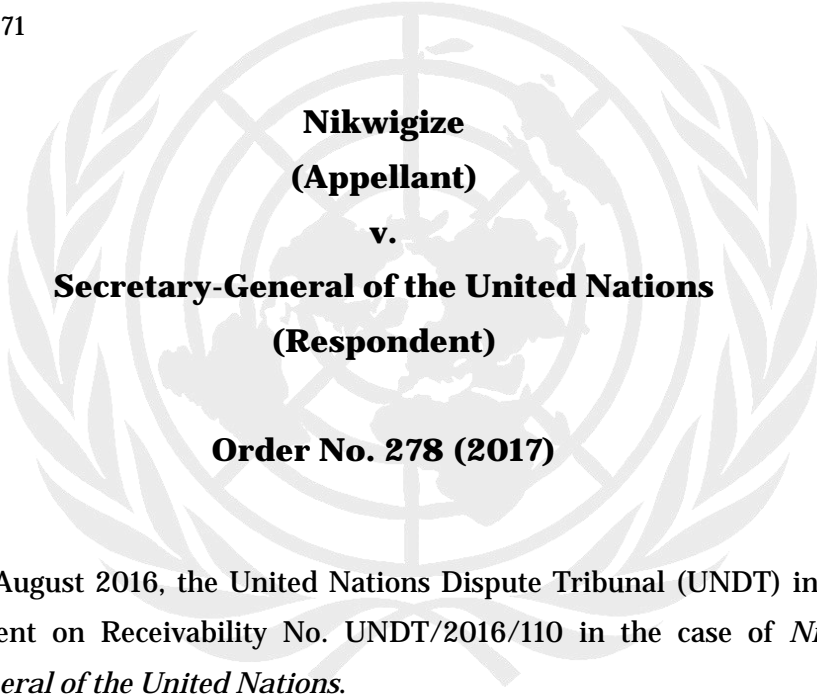




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2016-971



**Nikwigize
(Appellant)
v.
Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Respondent)**

Order No. 278 (2017)

1. On 16 August 2016, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in New York issued Judgment on Receivability No. UNDT/2016/110 in the case of *Nikwigize v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*.
2. On 24 September 2017, Mr. Andre Nikwigize filed an incomplete appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2016/110, which he perfected on 9 November 2016, at the request of the Registry.
3. On 11 January 2017, following further correspondence with Mr. Nikwigize, the Registry of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal transmitted the appeal to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, advising him that the answer, if any, must be filed no later than 60 days from 11 January 2017, which is 13 March 2017.
4. Given the jurisdictional nature of this case, it is appropriate to order that the time period for the Secretary-General to file his answer be shortened from 60 days to 35 days so that this matter is fully briefed in time for placement on the docket and consideration by the Appeals Tribunal during the 2017 Spring Session, which starts on 20 March 2017. This Order assures the “fair and expeditious management of the case” and is made pursuant to Article 18*bis*(1) and (4) of the Appeals Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary-General's answer to the appeal, if any, should be submitted no later than 15 February 2017.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 26th day of January 2017 in Los Angeles, United States.

(Signed)

Judge Chapman, Presiding

Entered in the Register on this 26th day of January 2016 in New York, United States.

(Signed)

Weicheng Lin, Registrar