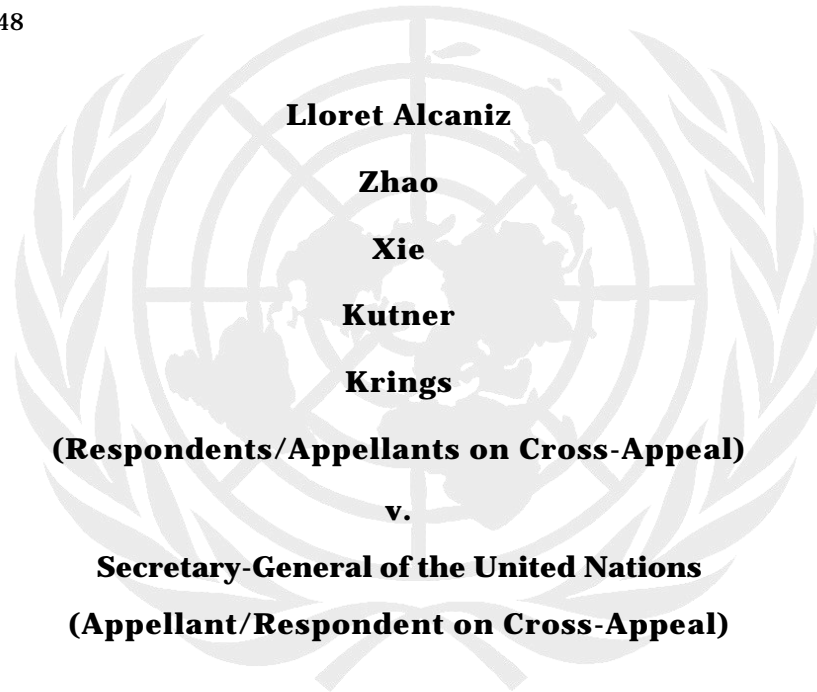




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2018-1148



Lloret Alcaniz

Zhao

Xie

Kutner

Krings

(Respondents/Appellants on Cross-Appeal)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Appellant/Respondent on Cross-Appeal)

ORDER No. 317 (2018)

1. On 29 December 2017, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2017/097 in Geneva in the case of *Lloret Alcaniz, Zhao, Xie, Kutner and Krings v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*. In that Judgment, the UNDT rescinded the Secretary-General's decision to reduce Ms. Lloret Alcaniz *et al.*'s respective salaries pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/244, which accepted the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission to adopt a new compensation package for internationally recruited staff, including the introduction of a new unified single rate salary scale, effective 1 January 2017, for all professional and higher categories of staff.

2. On 2 March 2018, the Secretary-General filed an appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2017/097 with the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal).

3. On 25 April 2018, Ms. Lloret Alcaniz *et al.* filed both an answer to the appeal and a cross-appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2017/097. The cross-appeal was forwarded to the Secretary-General on 27 April 2018.

4. Given the highly significant nature of this case, it is in the interests of justice according to Article 30 of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure (Rules) to order *mero motu* that the 60-day time limit for the Secretary-General to file his answer to the cross-appeal provided by Article 9(6) read in conjunction with Article 9(3) of the Rules be shortened from 60 calendar days to 45 calendar 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 2018 Summer Session, which starts on 18 June 2018.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary-General's answer to the cross-appeal, if any, should be submitted no later than 11 June 2018.

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Dated 27th day of April 2018
in Cape Town, South Africa.

(Signed)
Judge John Murphy,
President

Entered in the Register on this 27th day of
April 2018 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar