



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case Nos. 2018-1142, 2018-1153 & 2018-1145

Harris
(Appellant/Respondent)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Respondent/Appellant)

Order No. 324 (2018)

1. On 15 December 2017, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva issued Judgment No. UNDT/2017/094/Corr.1 and Judgment No. UNDT/2017/095/Corr.1 in the case of *Harris v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*.
2. On 16 January 2018, Mr. Bryan Galakpai Harris filed an appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2017/094/Corr.1 to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) (Case No. 2018-1142), and the Secretary-General filed an answer on 26 March 2018. On 13 February 2018, the Secretary-General appealed the same UNDT Judgment (Case No. 2018-1153). The appeals were consolidated by Order No. 315 (2018) dated 16 April 2018. On 23 January 2018, Mr. Harris filed an appeal of Judgment No. UNDT/2017/095/Corr.1 (Case No. 2018-1145) to which the Secretary-General filed an answer on 26 March 2018. The appeals have originally been set down for hearing in the next session of the Appeals Tribunal commencing on 18 June 2018 in New York.
3. On 11 May 2018, the Appeals Tribunal issued Order No. 320 (2018) partly granting three motions filed by Mr. Harris and postponing the appeals in Case Nos. 2018-1142, 2018-1145 and 2018-1153 to the Fall Session of the Appeals Tribunal commencing on 15 October 2018 and directing him to file any amended motions relating to admission of additional evidence in the appeals on or before 31 August 2018.

4. On 21 May 2018, Mr. Harris filed a motion asking for further postponement of the appeals to the Appeals Tribunal's Spring Session 2019 and for an extension of the time limit to file any amended motions relating to admission of additional evidence as instructed in Order No. 320 to 31 January 2019. He submits that he anticipates continuing self-representation and argues that he needs more time to prepare his case in light of a scheduled surgery and necessary recovery and financial hardship due to "medical bills, the payment of [his] legal team, debit servicing, and other family emergencies". By e-mail dated 24 May 2018, the Secretary-General acknowledged receipt of the motion, confirmed that he had no objection to Mr. Harris' request for extension of time and no further comments.

5. Pursuant to Article 31(1) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure, Mr. Harris' request for postponement of the aforementioned appeals to the Spring Session 2019 is granted on an exceptional basis in view of the state of his health and his difficulties in securing legal representation. As the Secretary-General has no objection to the postponement of the appeals, there will be no prejudice to the Secretary-General in postponing the appeals until the Spring Session 2019 of the Appeals Tribunal, provided that potential motions, if any, are amended and/or determined timeously.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

a) The appeals in Case Nos. 2018-1142, 2018-1145 and 2018-1153 are postponed to the Spring Session 2019 of the Appeals Tribunal.

b) Mr. Harris is directed to file any amended motions relating to admission of additional evidence in the appeals on or before 31 January 2019.

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Dated this 7th day of June 2018 in
Athens, Greece.

(Signed)
Judge Dimitrios Raikos,
Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 7th day of
June 2018 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar