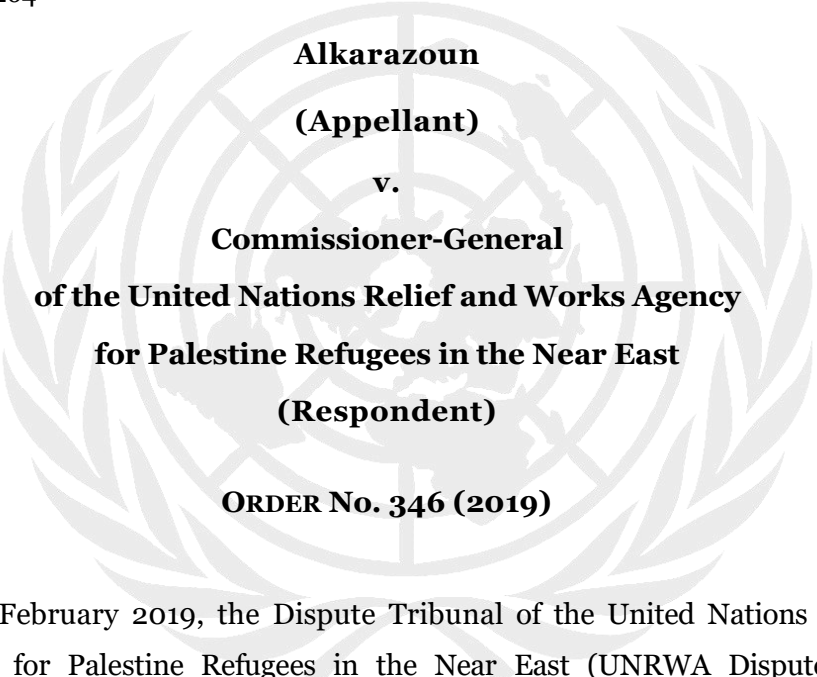




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2019-1264



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

ORDER No. 346 (2019)

1. On 24 February 2019, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA Dispute Tribunal or UNRWA DT and UNRWA or Agency, respectively) rendered Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2019/O11 in the case of *Karazoun v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*,¹ in which it dismissed Ms. Ghada Abdelmajid Alkarazoun's application as not receivable *ratione temporis*. Under Article 7(1) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal (Statute), Ms. Alkarazoun had 60 days of receipt of the Judgment to file an appeal, i.e., by 25 April 2019.

2. On 23 May 2019, Ms. Alkarazoun filed a request for suspension, waiver or extension of the time limit to appeal. She states, *inter alia*, that she was not able to file an appeal before the deadline lapsed because her life had been "hectic and soul depriving" during the past few months, with her father suffering from a brain stroke in mid-January 2019 and subsequently needing constant care from her as the only daughter in the family. In the meantime, she had to take care of her three-year-old child and attend to her PhD study at a public university. She sought a waiver of the time limit

¹ "Karazoun" was the name that the UNRWA Dispute Tribunal used in its Judgment. But the Appeals Tribunal adopts "Alkarazoun" that the Appellant uses in the present motion as the English spelling of her family name.

and an additional period of “maximum 2 weeks” so that she would have “another chance to proceed in [her] case” against Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2019/011.

3. Under Article 7(3) of the Statute, “[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”. Article 7(2) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure (Rules) sets forth the manner in which an appellant should submit a written request for a waiver of a time limit, and Article 30 of the Rules allows this Tribunal to shorten or extend a time limit “when the interests of justice so require”.

4. On the basis of Ms. Alkarazoun’s statement about the difficult circumstances that she has faced in connection with her father’s medical conditions and her minor child, this Tribunal finds that Ms. Alkarazoun has presented an exceptional case and the interests of justice will be served if her request is granted so as to give her an opportunity to present her case.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ms. Alkarazoun’s request for suspension, waiver or extension of the time limit to file her appeal is GRANTED, and the appeal form and appeal brief shall be filed **no later than 5 July 2019 COB (New York time)**.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 20th day of June 2019
in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Dimitrios Raikos,
President

Entered in the Register on this 20th day
of June 2019 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar