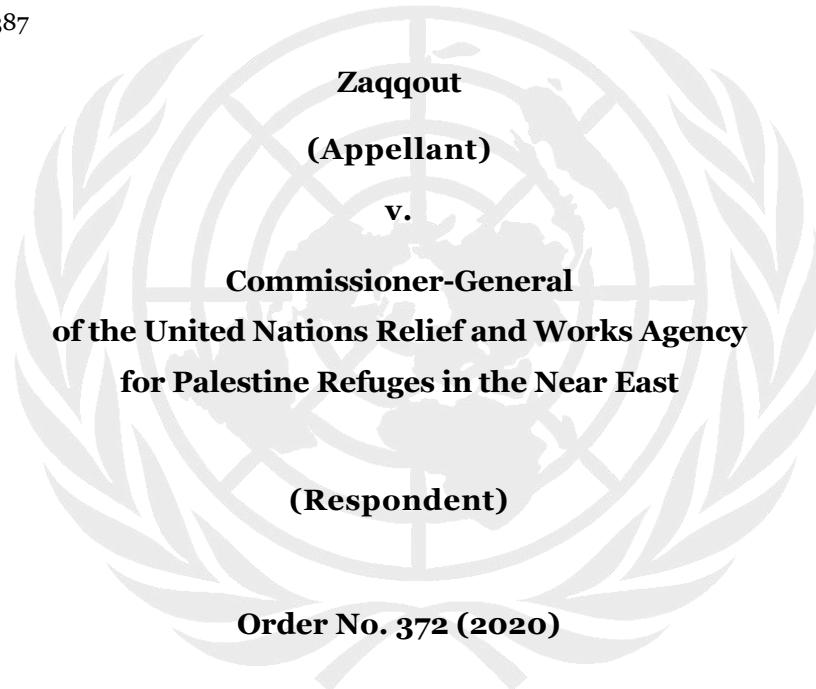




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2020-1387



Zaqqout
(Appellant)

v.

Commissioner-General
of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refuges in the Near East

(Respondent)

Order No. 372 (2020)

1. On 12 February 2020, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA Dispute Tribunal or UNRWA DT) issued Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2020/006 dismissing the applications, filed by a former UNRWA staff member, Mr. Ashraf Ismail abed allah Zaqqouts contesting the Agency's decisions related to the extensions of his limited duration contract with the Agency.
2. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Statute and Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal), Mr. Zaqqout may file an appeal before the Appeals Tribunal within 60 calendar days from the issuance of the UNRWA DT's Judgment. This renders the deadline to file his appeal by 12 April 2020.
3. On 12 April 2020, by way of e-mail followed by electronic submission on 14 April 2020, Mr. Zaqqout filed a request for suspension, waiver or extension of the time limit to appeal. He explains that he intends to appeal the aforementioned Judgment to the Appeals Tribunal, but is unable to meet the deadline because the coronavirus pandemic has created coordinative challenges in seeking legal

representation. Mr. Zaqqout has therefore requested an extension of the deadline for an additional month.

4. Article 7(3) of the Statute of the Appeals Tribunal provides that “[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 30 of our Rules of Procedure allows this Tribunal to shorten or extend a time limit “when the interests of justice so require”.

5. On the basis of Mr. Zaqqout’s submissions regarding the circumstances preventing him from filing a timely appeal, this Tribunal finds that Mr. Zaqqout has presented an exceptional case and the interests of justice will be served if his request is granted so as to give him an opportunity to present his case.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Zaqqout’s request **IS GRANTED**, and the appeal form and appeal brief shall be filed no later than **Tuesday, 12 May 2020 by 5:00 p.m. New York time**.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 20th day of April 2020
in Athens, Greece.

(Signed)
Judge Dimitrios Raikos

Entered in the Register on this 20th day of
April 2020 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin,
Registrar