



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2020-1381

**Abu Rabei
(Appellant)**

v.

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

ORDER No. 375 (2020)

1. On 17 February 2020, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA DT or UNRWA Dispute Tribunal) issued Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2020/007 in the case of *Abu Rabei v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*. In that Judgment, the UNRWA DT dismissed Mr. Turki Abu Rabei's challenge of the decision not to change his certified date of birth as not receivable *ratione temporis*.
2. On 6 April 2020, Mr. Abu Rabei filed an appeal against the UNRWA DT Judgment. On 12 June 2020, the Commissioner-General filed an answer to the appeal, in which he contends, *inter alia*, that Mr. Abu Rabei's appeal is "frivolous and vexatious" and he has manifestly abused the appeals process. The Commissioner-General thus requests that the Appeals Tribunal award costs in the amount of USD 250 against Mr. Abu Rabei.
3. Natural justice requires us to give Mr. Abu Rabei an opportunity to address the Commissioner-General's claim for costs and the reasons for it as set forth in his answer. Article 18bis (1) and (4) of our Rules of Procedure enable the following order to be made.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Abu Rabei may have the period of 30 days following receipt by him of this Order to file, with the Registrar of the Appeals Tribunal and to serve on the Respondent, his written response to this claim for costs.

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Dated this 21st day of July 2020
in Auckland, New Zealand.

(Signed)
Judge Graeme Colgan,
Presiding Judge

Entered in the Register on this 22nd day
of July 2020 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar