Case No. 2022-1687

Sonia Bezziccheri

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 476 (2022)

1.   On 18 February 2022, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) rendered Judgment No. 2019/UNDT/102 in the case of *Sonia Bezziccheri v Secretary-General of the United Nations*.

2.   On 16 April 2022, Appellant filed an appeal against the Judgment of the UNDT. The Secretary-General filed his Answer on 27 June 2022. The case is yet to be set down for hearing.

3.   On 16 September 2022, the Appellant filed a motion for withdrawal of her appeal. On 19 September 2022, the Secretary-General submitted his comments not objecting to the Appellant's motion

4.   The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that "a party may withdraw an appeal simply by giving notice and need not necessarily provide any further justification".[1]

5.   Further, in accordance with Article 18bis(2) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure: "If, before the opening date of the session during which the case is to be considered, the appellant informs the Appeals Tribunal, in writing, with notice to the respondent, that he or she wishes to discontinue the proceedings, the President may order the case to be removed from the register".

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[1] See *Kusuma v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 211 (2015), quoting *Amar v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 73 (2011), and cites therein.

6.   I am satisfied that, on the advice of Ms. Bezziccheri's counsel and having proper grounds for doing so, it is in order for the appeal to be withdrawn.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion for withdrawal of Ms. Bezziccheri's appeal is **GRANTED,** and the case shall be closed.

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Dated this 22nd day of September 2022   *(Signed)*
in Auckland, New Zealand.   Judge Graeme Colgan,
                                                              President

Published and entered in the Register on this 22nd   (*Signed*)
day of September 2022 in New York, United States.   Juliet Johnson,
                                                               Registrar