



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2024-1957

Miriam Kiingi
(Respondent/Applicant)

v.

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

ORDER No. 584 (2024)

1. On 4 September 2024, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2024/057 in the matter of *Kiingi v. Secretary-General of the United Nations* (impugned Judgment).
2. On 29 October 2024, the Secretary-General filed a motion to increase the page limit of the appeal brief from 15 pages to 18 pages. Ms. Kiingi opposed the motion.
3. On 4 November 2024, the Secretary-General filed a “Motion to Withdraw the Motion to Extend Page Limit” (Motion to withdraw the earlier motion). The Secretary-General submits that the earlier motion is being withdrawn due to the deadline for Ms. Kiingi’s response to the earlier motion falling on a date after the deadline for the appeal, for the purpose of preventing delays in the disposition of this case, and in the interest of judicial economy.
4. Later on 4 November 2024, the Secretary-General filed an appeal of the impugned Judgment, accompanied by a brief of 15 pages
5. Pursuant to Article 18bis (1) of the UNAT Rules of Procedure, the President may issue any order which appears to be “appropriate for the fair and expeditious management of the case and to do justice to the parties”.

6. The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that “a party may withdraw an appeal simply by giving notice and need not necessarily provide further justification”¹ and may withdraw “a specific claim raised on appeal”². The same rationale applies to a party’s withdrawal of a motion.

7. Therefore, the Appeals Tribunal grants the Motion and allows the withdrawal of the earlier motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary-General’s “Motion to Withdraw the Motion to Extend Page Limit” is **GRANTED**.

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Decision dated this 11th day of November 2024
in Beijing, China.

(signed)
Judge Gao,
President

Order published and entered in the Register on this
11th day November 2024 in New York, United States.

(signed)
Juliet E. Johnson,
Registrar

¹ *Timothy Kennedy v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 455 (2022), para. 4 (internal citations omitted).

² *Hunt-Matthes v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 167 (2014), para. 4.