## UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case Nos. 2024-1921 & 2024-1923

ABB<sup>1</sup>

(Appellant)

V

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 590 (2025)

- 1. On 18 April 2024, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) issued Order No. 35 (GVA/2024) in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/023 and on 19 April 2024, it issued Order No. 36 (GVA/2024) in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/027.
- 2. Both UNDT Orders mainly concern the denial, by the UNDT, of ABB's motions for anonymity in the UNDT proceedings.
- 3. On 15 May 2024, ABB filed an appeal of Order No. 35 (GVA/2024) and on 17 May 2024 an appeal of Order No. 36 (GVA/2024) to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal). The appeals were registered as Case No. 2024-1921 and Case No. 2024-1923, respectively. On 28 June 2024, the Secretary-General filed answers to both appeals.
- 4. Pursuant to Article 18*bis*(1) of the Appeals Tribunal Rules of Procedure: "[t]he President may, at any time, either on a motion of a party or on his or her own volition, issue any order which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious management of the case and to do justice to the parties".

<sup>1</sup> This unique three-letter substitute for the party's name is used to anonymize the Order and bears no resemblance to the party's real name or other identifying characteristics.

- 5. Since both cases concerning ABB raise similar procedural issues, I direct that these cases be consolidated for hearing and judgment.
- 6. On grounds relating to the subject matter of the consolidated cases, I make an interim ruling provisionally anonymizing the Appellant's identity in this Order by substituting for his name a three-letter acronym as assigned by the Registrar.<sup>2</sup> This ruling will remain in force only until the Judgment is rendered.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the appeals filed in Case Nos. 2024-1921 and 2024-1923 be consolidated for all purposes.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Decision dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 in Beirut, Lebanon.

(Signed) Judge Nassib G. Ziadé, President

Order published and entered in the Register on this  $28^{th}$  day of January 2025 in New York, United States.

(Signed) Juliet E. Johnson, Registrar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AAH v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Order No. 492 (2022), para. 8.