



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2025-2028

Zahed Amin Oppal

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

Order No. 605 (2025)

1. On 29 April 2025, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2025/019 in the matter of *Oppal v. Secretary-General of the United Nations* (impugned Judgment) in which it rejected Mr. Zahed Oppal's application contesting his non-selection for the post of Chief Finance and Budget Officer at the P-4 level with the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA).

2. On 7 June 2025, Mr. Oppal filed a Motion to Request the Suspension, Waiver or Extension of the time limit to appeal the impugned Judgment. He explained that on 5 May 2025 he underwent triple bypass surgery and is currently on certified sick leave. He requests the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (UNAT or Appeals Tribunal) to grant a two-month extension of the deadline for him to file an appeal of the impugned Judgment.

3. On 17 June 2015, the Secretary-General filed his response to the Motion. The Secretary-General submits that in light of Mr. Oppal's medical condition, the Secretary-General has no objection to the waiver of the deadline as requested by him.

Considerations

4. Article 7(1)(c) of the Appeals Tribunal Statute provides that an appeal must be "filed within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the judgement of the Dispute Tribunal ... or, where the Appeals Tribunal has decided to waive or suspend that deadline ..., within the period specified by the Appeals Tribunal".

5. Article 7(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Appeals Tribunal provides that an appellant may submit written justification to the Appeals Tribunal seeking a suspension, waiver or extension of the time limit to file an appeal and should indicate the exceptional reasons for the request.

6. In this case, the parties agree that Mr. Oppal will be on certified sick leave recovering from major surgery during the time period when he would be preparing his appeal. We have granted extensions of time to file an appeal in similar circumstances.¹ Given the lack of objection from the Secretary-General to Mr. Oppal's request, we grant the request.

7. Mr. Oppal's appeal was due on 28 June 2025, and with a two-month extension, the new deadline is 28 August 2025.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Zahen Oppal's Motion to Request the Suspension, Waiver or Extension of the time limit to appeal is **GRANTED** and he shall file any appeal of the impugned Judgment by 28 August 2025.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Decision dated this 18th day of June 2025
in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Nassib Ziadé,
President

Order published and entered in the Register on this
18th day of June 2025 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Juliet E. Johnson,
Registrar

¹ *Robinson v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 358 (2019); *Oummih v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 149 (2013).