

UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case Nos. 2025-1989 & 2025-1996

Ishtiaq Aslam

(Appellant)

V

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

ORDER No. 609 (2025)

- 1. On 27 November 2024, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) issued Judgment No. UNDT/2024/101 (Judgment No. 1) in *Aslam v. Secretary-General of the United Nations* (Case No. UNDT/NBI/2023/017).
- 2. In Judgment No. 1, Mr. Ishtiaq Aslam (Mr. Aslam), a former staff member with the African Union/United Nations Hybrid Office in Darfur, filed an application with the Dispute Tribunal. In that application, he contested the decision of the Advisory Board on Compensation Claims (ABCC) to deny his claim for Appendix D benefits due to an x-ray machine striking his knee and his living conditions in Darfur exacerbating a prior knee condition from a demining incident. The UNDT dismissed part of his application as not receivable and denied the remainder of his claim on the merits.
- 3. On 4 December 2024, the UNDT issued Judgment No. UNDT/2024/104 (Judgment No. 2) in *Aslam v. Secretary-General of the United Nations* (Case No. UNDT/NBI/2024/017) in relation to another application from Mr. Aslam regarding the Secretary-General's implied decision not to respond to his complaint of negligence, gross negligence and a breach of duty of care. The UNDT dismissed the application as not receivable, as Mr. Aslam had brought the same claim a year earlier, which was denied by the UNDT and not timely appealed.¹

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ Aslam v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Judgment No. UNDT/2023/025.

4. On 25 January 2025, Mr. Aslam filed an appeal² against Judgment No. 1 with the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (UNAT). This appeal was registered as Case No. 2025-1989. On 1 April 2025, the Secretary-General filed his answer.

5. On 2 February 2025, Mr. Aslam filed an appeal against Judgment No. 2 before the UNAT. This appeal was registered as Case No. 2025-1996. On 3 April 2025, the Secretary-General filed his answer.

6. Both UNDT Judgments arise from the same facts, namely, Mr. Aslam's compensation claims for service-related injuries and the Administration's handling of these claims. Accordingly, I direct that these cases be consolidated for hearing and judgment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeals filed in Case Nos. 2025-1989 and 2025-1996 be consolidated for all purposes.

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Decision dated this 22nd day of July 2025 in Washington D.C., United States.

(Signed) Judge Nassib G. Ziadé, President

Order published and entered in the Register on this 22nd day of July 2025 in New York, United States.

(Signed) Juliet E. Johnson, Registrar

 $^{^2}$ The appeal was refiled on 30 January 2025, on instruction from UNAT Registry, to conform with filing requirements.