



**Before:** Judge Goolam Meeran

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

ALAOUI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**JUDGMENT**

**ON WITHDRAWAL**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**

Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**

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Jérôme Blanchard, UNOG

## **Introduction**

1. By application filed on 28 July 2017, the Applicant contested his non-selection for the position of Chief, Arabic Translation Section (P-5), United Nations Office at Geneva (“UNOG”), advertised under Job Opening No. 62272.

2. The Respondent filed his reply on 29 August 2017.

3. The Tribunal held Case Management Discussions (“CMDs”) on 2 October 2018, 20 November 2018 and 25 April 2019, with the participation of the hiring manager for the contested post, the Chief, Languages Services, Department of Conference Management, UNOG. The Tribunal discussed with the parties the issues in the case and offered guidance with respect to a potential amicable resolution, in line with its approach to conduct proactive case management.

4. The case was referred for mediation to the Regional Ombudsman, Geneva, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, at the joint request of the parties. However, the case could not be resolved at that stage. The parties nevertheless persisted in their attempts to resolve the case amicably, with the guidance of the Tribunal and while preparing also for a hearing on the merits.

5. On 23 May 2019, the parties notified the Tribunal that they had concluded a settlement agreement resolving the matter amicably and they requested that the case be closed.

6. The Tribunal commends the parties and the Ombudsman for their efforts in finding an alternative resolution following proactive case management by the Tribunal, as encouraged by General Assembly Resolution 70/112, adopted on 31 December 2015. The Tribunal also wishes to highlight the positive contribution of the Chief, Languages Services, in the resolution of this matter, through her regular attendance at CMDs as well as the cooperative and positive approach adopted by the Applicant.

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**Conclusion**

7. There being no matter for judicial consideration and determination, it is ordered that Case No. UNDT/GVA/2017/054 be closed.

*(Signed)*

Judge Goolam Meeran

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

Entered in the Register on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva