



Before: Judge Teresa Bravo

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

REHMAN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON A MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

N/A

Introduction

1. By email dated 25 November 2019, the Applicant, a staff member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”), informed the Tribunal of his dissatisfaction with the UNHCR decision not to correct his date of birth in his employment record.
2. On the same day, the Tribunal informed the Applicant of the procedure to follow to file a proper application using the eFiling portal.
3. On 30 December 2019, the Applicant, filed through the eFiling portal, a letter informing the Tribunal of his dissatisfaction with the UNHCR decision not to correct his date of birth in his UNHCR official employment record. He labelled his filing a motion for extension of time to file an application.
4. On the same day, the Tribunal asked the Applicant to file a proper motion using the required form and he was to include in his submission a copy of the contested decision and the request for management evaluation of said decision.
5. On 3 January 2020, the Applicant filed a motion for extension of time to file an application using the required form.

Consideration

6. The Applicant has filed a motion for extension of time to file an application. However, he has not indicated in his motion the reasons for requesting an extension of time or the extra time that he needs to file his application.
7. Art. 8.1 (d) of the Tribunal’s Statute and art. 7 of the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure sets forth the time limits for filing an application. Specifically, art. 7(5) provides that in “exceptional cases, an applicant may submit a written request to the Dispute Tribunal seeking suspension, waiver or extension of the time limits referred to in art. 7.1” and that “[s]uch request shall succinctly set out the exceptional circumstances that, in view of the applicant, justify the request”.

8. In the present case, the Applicant has not set out the exceptional circumstances that in his view justify his request for an extension of time to file an application, hence, the Applicant's motion is rejected.

9. The Tribunal notes that the Applicant has indicated in his motion that he was informed of the contested decision on 1 October 2019 and that he has not requested management evaluation of said decision. The Tribunal reminds the Applicant that the requirement of management evaluation is set out in staff rule 11.2 and that in accordance with art. 8(1)(c) of the Tribunal's Statute, an application is receivable if an applicant "has previously submitted the contested administrative decision for management evaluation, where required".

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

10. The Applicant's motion for extension of time to file an application be dismissed.

11. Case No. UNDT/GVA/2019/076 is hereby closed.

(Signed)

Judge Teresa Bravo

Dated this 10th day of January 2020

Entered in the Register on this 10th day of January 2020

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva