



Before: Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

YAMAGUCHI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:
Brandon Gardner, OSLA

Counsel for Respondent:
Matthias Schuster, UNICEF

Introduction

1. The Applicant served on a permanent appointment at the United Nations Children's Fund ("UNICEF"). Her appointment with the Organization was terminated on 31 March 2019, at the end of approved Special Leave Without Pay ("SLWOP").
2. On 30 April 2019, the Applicant filed an application before the Geneva Registry of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal to challenge the Respondent's decision to terminate her appointment.
3. The Respondent filed his Reply on 3 June 2019. It is the Respondent's case that the application should be dismissed as time-barred. He also argues that the impugned decision was lawfully made, and that UNICEF acted as it was entitled to under the circumstances of the case.

Considerations and Order

4. The Tribunal has reviewed the parties' submissions. For the fair and expeditious management and disposal of this case, the Tribunal makes the following orders:
 - a. The Applicant is directed to file her response to the Respondent's reply, addressing his arguments on receivability and the merits, by **Friday, 19 February 2021**; and
 - b. The Respondent may file his submissions in response to the Applicant's submissions by **5 March 2021**.
5. The Tribunal finds that this matter is suitable for determination on the basis of the parties' written submissions.

(Signed)

Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Dated this 4th day of February 2021

Case No. UNDT/GVA/2019/030

Order No. 27 (GVA/2021)

Entered in the Register on this 4th day of February 2021

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva