



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2020/021
UNDT/GVA/2021/057
Order No.: 162 (GVA/2021)
Date: 8 November 2021
Original: English

Before: Judge Francesco Buffa

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

CAHN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON MOTION FOR
COMBINATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Introduction

1. By application filed on 23 April 2020, registered under Case No. UNDT/GVA/2020/021, the Applicant challenges several decisions arising from his complaint against his first reporting officer (“FRO”) pursuant to ST/SGB/2008/5 (Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, and abuse of authority).
2. By application filed on 17 October 2021, registered under Case No. UNDT/GVA/2021/057, the Applicant challenges the “failure to timely investigate and take a final decision following a complaint of misconduct made against [him] by his [FRO]” also pursuant to ST/SGB/2008/5.
3. On 1 November 2021, the Applicant filed a motion requesting to combine proceedings in the above-mentioned cases.

Consideration

4. In support of his motion, the Applicant advances that the “decisions challenged in both cases are the result of the same factual circumstances and the same investigation ... carried out into complaints by the Applicant against his [FRO] and [vice versa].”
5. The Tribunal notes, however, that in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2020/021, it is about to close pleadings and move into its adjudication, whereas in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2021/057, the Respondent’s reply is due on 17 November 2021 and further submissions from the parties may follow. Consequently, the cases are at two different procedural stages that do not make a combination of proceedings feasible.

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IT IS ORDERED THAT:

6. The Applicant's motion for combination of proceedings in Cases No. UNDT/GVA/2020/021 and UNDT/GVA/2021/057 is denied.

Judge Francesco Buffa

(Signed)

Dated this 8th day of November 2021

Entered in the Register on this 8th day of November 2021

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva