

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2022/005 Order No.: 17 (GVA/2022) Date: 4 February 2022 Original: English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

### ZHANG

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN APPLICATION

**Counsel for Applicant:** Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:** LPAS, UNOG

#### Introduction

1. By an incomplete motion filed on 3 February 2022 and completed on 4 February 2022, the Applicant seeks a two-week extension of time to file an application concerning the decision of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva, to close her complaint of prohibited conduct.

#### Consideration

2. According to art. 8.1 (i) of the Tribunal's Statute and art. 7.1 of its Rules of Procedure, an application shall be receivable if it is filed within 90 calendar days of the applicant's receipt of the management evaluation. The record shows that the Applicant received a response to her management evaluation request on Saturday, 6 November 2021. The deadline to file her application thus expires on Friday, 4 February 2022.

3. In support of her request for extension of time, the Applicant, who is self-represented, submits that complying with the above deadline is not feasible due to health issues she has been and is facing, particularly affecting her eyesight. She also puts forward that her "UN accounts" have been closed, making more time-consuming locating documents/information relevant for her case and that she is looking into legal representation.

4. In view of the foregoing and pursuant to arts. 19 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal considers appropriate to extend the Applicant' deadline to file an application and to grant her an additional two weeks as of 4 February 2022 to do so.

#### Conclusion

- 5. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
  - a. The Applicant's motion for extension of time to file an application is granted; and

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b. The Applicant shall file her application by **Friday**, **18 February 2022**.

(*Signed*) Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge) Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022

Entered in the Register on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva