

Before: Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr.

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

NASTASE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant: Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent: Kong Leong Toh, UNOPS

Introduction

1. On 28 February 2021, the Applicant filed an application before this Tribunal to contest the 28 August 2020 decision of the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support ("USG/DOS") to close his complaint of prohibited conduct against the Chief, Infrastructure Operations Section ("CIOS"), under ST/SGB/2019/8 (Addressing discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, and abuse of authority).

2. Following requests for extension of time, which the Tribunal granted, the Respondent filed his reply on 22 April 2021.

3. On 11 July 2021, the Applicant filed a motion seeking permission to file an additional written submission and an *ex parte* document.

4. On 10 January 2022, the present case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

Consideration

5. The additional written submission that the Applicant seeks to file was attached to his 11 July 2021 motion. It consists of his comments to the Respondent's reply and presents alleged inconsistencies and contradictions in the reply. The *ex parte* document, also attached to the motion in question, concerns an email from the Applicant's spouse to her managers, on 28 June 2021, alleging discrimination and retaliation by CIOS in the decision to not renew her consultant contract with the Department of Operational Support.

6. The Tribunal recognizes the relevance of the Applicant's written submission. However, it cannot accept the *ex parte* submission. The email does not contain any new or relevant evidence. It only presents the same allegations made in the application but regarding a different person, albeit the Applicant's spouse, holding a different type of contract.

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7. Thus, the Applicant's motion stands to be partially granted. The written submission is to be admitted while the spouse's intervention filed *ex parte* is rejected.

Conclusion

8. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the Applicant's motion of 11 July 2021 is **partially granted**. The written submission is admitted, and the *ex parte* supporting document is rejected.

(*Signed*) Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr. Dated this 14th day of February 2022

Entered in the Register on this 14th day of February 2022 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva