

- **Before:** Judge Teresa Bravo
- Registry: Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

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v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

**Counsel for Applicant:** Robbie Leighton, OSLA

# Counsel for Respondent:

Jérôme Blanchard, LPAS, UNOG

#### Introduction

1. By Order No. 161 (GVA/2021) of 3 November 2021, the Tribunal ordered, *inter alia*, that the proceedings before the Tribunal in Case No. UNDT/GVA/2019/046 be suspended until 3 February 2022, or the date the Applicant's treating physician considers him fit to work on his rejoinder, whichever is earlier; and that should the Applicant's sick leave be extended beyond 3 February 2022, he shall promptly file documentary evidence of such extension.

2. On 3 February 2022, the Applicant filed a submission pursuant to Order No. 161 (GVA/2021), requesting an extension of one month for the filing of his rejoinder.

3. On the same day, the Tribunal notified the parties that the Applicant's request had been granted and instructed him to file his rejoinder by 4 March 2022.

4. On 2 March 2022, the Applicant filed another motion for extension of time, requesting an additional two weeks to file his rejoinder.

#### Consideration

5. In support of his request, the Applicant submits that he has made progress in reviewing the materials but has not been able to complete the process due to continued issues with concentration. To substantiate his submission, the Applicant provides a medical certificate showing that he remains unfit for work at 100% and that he can only work 1.5 days per week until 27 March 2022, subject to medical reassessment at that date.

6. Having regard to the circumstances invoked by the Applicant and the need for fair and expeditious disposal of the case, the Tribunal considers it appropriate to grant the motion.

7. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure,

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The Applicant's motion for extension of time to file his rejoinder is granted. Consequently, the Applicant shall file his rejoinder by **Friday**, **18 March 2022**.

> (Signed) Judge Teresa Bravo Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022

Entered in the Register on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva