

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL Grae No.: UNDT/GVA/2019/046 Order No.: 47 (GVA/2022) Date: 28 March 2022 Original: English

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

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### Introduction

1. By application filed on 22 July 2019, the Applicant, a staff member of the Security and Safety Service ("SSS"), United Nations Office at Geneva ("UNOG"), contests the decision of the then Director-General, UNOG, to take no further action on his complaint under ST/SGB/2008/5 (Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, and abuse of authority) against the Chief, SSS, UNOG.

2. On 19 August 2019, the Respondent submitted his reply with annexes 3 and 5 filed on an *ex parte* basis.

3. Following a suspension of proceedings and several case management Orders from this Tribunal related *inter alia* to the disclosure of the respective investigation report, the Applicant filed a rejoinder on 18 March 2022 in response to Order No. 76 (GVA/2021).

4. By Order No. 44 (GVA/2022) of 23 March 2022, the Tribunal instructed the Respondent to file his comments on the Applicant's rejoinder by 4 April 2022.

#### Consideration

5. Having reviewed the submissions on record, the Tribunal deems it appropriate to invite the parties to a case management discussion ("CMD") pursuant to art. 19 of its Rules of Procedure.

6. The purpose of the CMD is to:

a. Ascertain whether the parties are amenable to considering an alternative resolution to the dispute;

b. Identify the factual and legal issues to be determined;

c. Consider what further information, if any, is required;

d. Consider if the case may be decided on the basis of the parties' written submissions or if a hearing should be held;

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e. Identify the relevant witnesses to be called and agree on dates for said hearing, if needed; and

f. Discuss any other matter relevant to these proceedings.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

7. The parties shall attend a CMD on **Tuesday**, **12** April **2022**, at **10 a.m. (Geneva Time)**, which will be conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams. In this connection, the parties are requested to provide the Geneva Registry with their contact details by **Monday**, **4** April **2022** (COB Geneva time).

(*Signed*) Judge Teresa Bravo Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

Entered in the Register on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva