



Before: Judge Teresa Bravo
Registry: Geneva
Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

ZHANG

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

Jérôme Blanchard, LPAS, UNOG

Introduction

1. The Applicant contests the decision to terminate her permanent appointment for unsatisfactory service, effective 24 September 2021. Her application is registered under Case No. UNDT/GVA/2021/066.
2. The Respondent filed his reply on 10 March 2022, followed by a corrigendum dated 10 May 2022.
3. On 9 June 2022, the Applicant filed a motion requesting *inter alia* leave to file comments on the above-mentioned Respondent's reply and corrigendum.
4. By notification of 14 June 2022, the Tribunal informed the Applicant that she had until 15 July 2022 to file her comments on the reply and corrigendum. By notification of 15 July 2022, the Tribunal extended this deadline until 15 August 2022 on medical grounds in response to an Applicant's motion filed on 14 July 2022.
5. On 15 August 2022, the Applicant filed a motion "for extension of time to file comments and brief comments", requesting also that this case be considered together with another case she filed in February 2022, namely Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/005. The motion also contained a little over four pages of comments from the Applicant related to the Respondent's reply and corrigendum.
6. On 22 August 2022, the case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

Consideration

7. In her 15 August 2022 motion, the Applicant claims that her medical condition has prevented her from timely filing comments on the Respondent's reply and corrigendum.
8. First, on the basis of the written record as it currently stands, the Tribunal is of the view that it is in the interest of justice to give the Applicant additional time to comment on the Respondent's reply and corrigendum.

9. Second, the Tribunal finds that to facilitate its and the parties' perusal of the case file, the "brief comments" and their related annexes included in the Applicant's 15 August 2022 motion will not be considered. As such, it is the Applicant's responsibility to assess whether and, if so, how to consolidate said "brief comments" or parts thereof with her forthcoming filing as per the Tribunal's instruction below.

10. Finally, with respect to the Applicant's request to have this case considered together with her other case (Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/005), the undersigned Judge notes that there is a certain link between the cases that, for judicial efficiency, warrants assigning the latter also to her.

Conclusion

11. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:

- a. The Applicant's motion for extension of time to file comments on the Respondent's reply and corrigendum is granted. She should file said comments by **Friday, 23 September 2022**;
- b. The Applicant's "brief comments" and their related annexes included in the above-mentioned Applicant's motion will not be part of the record. The Applicant's attention is drawn to the Tribunal's remark in para. 9 above; and
- c. Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/005 (Zhang) shall be assigned to the undersigned Judge.

(Signed)

Judge Teresa Bravo

Dated this 24th day of August 2022

Entered in the Register on this 24th day of August 2022

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva