

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

PUHALOVIC

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S REPLY

Counsel for Applicant: Endah Indini, OSLA

Counsel for Respondent: Bettina Gerber, LPAS, UNOG

Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/035 Order No. 121 (GVA/2022)

Introduction

1. By application filed on 25 October 2022, the Applicant contests the decision to reject her Appendix D claim.

2. On 26 October 2022, the application was served on the Respondent with a deadline for reply set to 25 November 2022. By Order No. 110 (GVA/2022) of 18 November 2022, this deadline was extended to 6 December 2022.

3. By motion filed on 6 December 2022, the Respondent seeks a further extension of the deadline to file his reply until 10 January 2023.

Consideration

4. In support of his motion, the Respondent submits that the parties are exploring settling the matter under the auspices of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and that, to this end, he signed the respective agreement to mediate.

5. Recalling that that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution, the Tribunal commends the intent to seek an amicable settlement of their dispute, and finds it in the interest of justice to grant the Respondent's motion in accordance with art. 19 of its Rules of Procedure.

Conclusion

6. In view of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

a. The Respondent's motion for extension of time to file his reply is granted to allow the parties to seek an amicable settlement of their dispute;

b. If a settlement agreement is reached, the parties shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall subsequently confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn; or

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c. If no settlement is reached, the parties shall inform the Tribunal, and the Respondent shall file his reply by **Tuesday**, **10 January 2023**.

(*Signed*) Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge) Dated this 7th day of December 2022

Entered in the Register on this 7th day of December 2022 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva