

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2021/036 Order No.: 122 (GVA/2022) Date: 7 December 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 MOTION TO ADDUCE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

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Introduction

1. By Order No. 112 (GVA/2022) of 23 November 2022, the Tribunal, *inter alia*, ordered the parties to attend a hearing on the merits via Microsoft Teams on 12 December 2022, commencing at 9.30 a.m. (Geneva time).

2. On 6 December 2022, the Applicant filed a motion, requesting permission to adduce additional evidence.

Consideration

3. The Applicant requested leave to submit a letter dated 6 December 2022 (hereafter "the 6 December 2022 letter") from Foxwall, the IT company used by the Parliamentary Assembly for the Mediterranean for the security and protection of its communications. In support of his request, the Applicant submits that the 6 December 2022 letter could explain why it was not possible to find the email of 26 November 2019 sent by the Applicant to the Administration.

4. In this respect, the Tribunal recalls that pursuant to art. 18.1 of its Rules of Procedure, it shall determine the admissibility of any evidence and, under art. 18.5, it may exclude evidence it considers irrelevant, frivolous, or lacking probative value.

5. Having reviewed the document that the Applicant sought to include in the record, noting that his credibility was challenged because the Administration was not able to find the 26 November 2019 email, the Tribunal finds that there are no grounds to exclude the 6 December 2022 letter and will admit it into the case record. However, the Tribunal will decide during its deliberation what weight to attach to this document.

6. Accordingly, the Tribunal finds it appropriate to grant the Applicant's motion to adduce additional evidence.

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Conclusion

7. In light of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Applicant's motion to adduce additional evidence is granted. Accordingly, the 6 December 2022 letter is admitted into the case record.

(*Signed*) Judge Teresa Bravo 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