



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

REHMAN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME TO FILE AN APPLICATION**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

UNICEF

Introduction

1. By motion filed on 15 December 2022, the Applicant seeks an extension of time to file an application concerning the decision by the Deputy Director, Investigations, Office of Internal Audit and Investigations, United Nations Children's Fund, on the Applicant's complaints dated 26 January and 21 March 2016.

Consideration

2. According to art. 8.1(i)(b) of the Tribunal's Statute and art. 7.1(b) of its Rules of Procedure, an application shall be receivable if it is filed within 90 calendar days of the expiry of the relevant response deadline for the communication of a response to a management evaluation request.

3. The record shows that the Applicant requested management evaluation on 11 August 2022 and that she has not yet received a response to it. The management evaluation response deadline expired on Sunday, 25 September 2022. Pursuant to art. 34(b) of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, the deadline to file an application will thus expire on Monday, 26 December 2022.

4. In support of her request for extension of time, the Applicant, who is self-represented, submits that the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes, approached her on 7 October 2022 to suggest "informal resolution of disputes and disagreements through mediation". She further advises the Tribunal that a mediation process is on-going and, accordingly, requests an extension of the deadline to file an application of "fifteen days after the receipt of the written notification from the [Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes] about the mediation".

5. The Tribunal recalls that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution and commends the Applicant for agreeing to explore an amicable resolution of her case.

6. Given the above and pursuant to arts. 19 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal considers appropriate to extend the Applicant' deadline to file an application albeit, not for an open ended period as requested in the Applicant's motion.

Conclusion

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

a. If a settlement agreement is reached, the Applicant shall so inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay and confirm in writing that her application is withdrawn; or

b. If no settlement is reached, the Applicant shall file her application by **Tuesday, 31 January 2023.**

(Signed)

Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge)

Dated this 16th day of December 2022

Entered in the Register on this 16th day of December 2022

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva