

**Before:** Judge Margaret Tibulya

Registry: Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

## O'BRIEN

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

**Counsel for Applicant:** George G. Irving

# Counsel for Respondent:

Elizabeth Gall, BMS/OLS, UNDP

Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/021 Order No. 74 (GVA/2023)

#### Introduction

1. On 25 March 2022, the Applicant, a former Regional Technical Advisor, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support ("BPPS"), United Nations Development Programme ("UNDP"), Regional Hub, Istanbul, received the disciplinary sanction of separation from service with compensation in lieu of notice and without termination indemnity.

2. On 21 June 2022, the Applicant filed the instant application.

3. On 22 July 2022, the Respondent filed his reply.

4. By notification dated 7 June 2023, the Tribunal invited the parties to attend a Case Management Discussion ("CMD") on 14 June 2023, and instructed the Applicant to file his rejoinder, if any, by 14 June 2023 at noon Geneva time.

5. On 8 June 2023, the Applicant requested an extension of time to file his rejoinder until 21 June 2023, which was granted by notification on the following day.

6. On 14 June 2023, the parties attended a CMD, held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

7. On 21 June 2023, the Applicant filed his rejoinder.

8. By Order No. 63 (GVA/2023) of 22 June 2023, the Tribunal scheduled a hearing on the merits.

9. On 29 June 2023, the Applicant filed three witness statements.

10. On 7 July 2023, the parties and three witnesses attended a hearing, held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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### Consideration

11. At the end of session on 7 July 2023, the parties confirmed to the Tribunal that they had no additional evidence to present. The Tribunal thus discussed with the parties and agreed with them on the timeline for the filing of closing submissions.

#### Conclusion

12. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the parties file their respective closing submission by **Friday**, **28 July 2023**.

(*Signed*) Judge Margaret Tibulya Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023

Entered in the Register on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva