



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

BANAJ

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

UNDP

Introduction

1. By motion filed on 7 August 2023, the Applicant sought an extension of 90 days to file an application contesting the decision to abolish her post following the closure of the Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (“UNODC”) in Albania.
2. The Applicant was a former staff member of UNODC, but her contract was administered by the United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”).
3. By Order No. 95 (GVA/2023) of 9 August 2023, the Tribunal granted the Applicant’s motion mentioned in para. 1 above, and ordered that she file her application by 7 November 2023.
4. On 3 November 2023, the Applicant filed a motion for a further extension of 90 days to file her application.
5. By Order No. 146 (GVA/2023) of 6 November 2023, the Tribunal granted the Applicant’s motion mentioned in para. 4 above and ordered that she file her application by 5 February 2024.
6. On 2 February 2024, the Applicant filed a motion for a further extension of 90 days to file her application.

Consideration

7. In support of her motion, the Applicant informs the Tribunal that while UNDP was supposed to submit the final version of the settlement agreement for her signature at the end of January 2024, she has not yet received it. She thus indicates that the reason for requesting this extension is “to preserve her appeals right” and to finalize “the settlement agreement between the parties”.
8. Considering that the Applicant has already been granted two extensions of time to file her application amounting to a total of 180 additional days from the mandatory deadline, the Tribunal finds it appropriate to grant her a last extension of 45 days to finalize the settlement agreement.

Conclusion

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

a. The Applicant's motion for a further extension of time to file an application is partially granted;

b. If a settlement agreement is reached, the Applicant shall so inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay and confirm in writing the withdrawal of her application registered under Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/038; or

c. If no settlement agreement is reached, the Applicant shall file her application by **Friday, 22 March 2024**.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 7th day of February 2024

Entered in the Register on this 7th day of February 2024

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva