



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

KRIOUTCHKOV

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

Fatuma Mninde-Silungwe, AS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. By application filed on 23 October 2023, the Applicant, a staff member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (“ESCAP”), contests the decision not to select him for the position of P-4 Reviser (Russian) in the Russian Language Unit of ESCAP.
2. On 24 November 2023, the Respondent filed his reply.
3. By Order No. 6 (GVA/2024) of 18 January 2024, the Tribunal instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder by 19 February 2024, and the parties to explore resolving the dispute amicably asking them to revert to it in this respect by 26 February 2024.
4. On 19 February 2024, the parties filed a joint motion for suspension of proceedings for 30-days, pursuant to art. 10.1 of the Tribunal’s Statute.

Consideration

5. In their joint motion, the parties submit that they agreed on 16 February 2024 to enter into informal settlement discussions, and request a suspension of the proceedings for 30 days pending the conclusion of said discussions.
6. The Tribunal takes note of this and recalls that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution.
7. Having examined the case record and guided by arts. 15.3, 15.4, and 15.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal finds that it is in the interest of justice to give the parties sufficient time to focus on their settlement efforts by suspending the proceedings for 30 days, as requested.
8. Since the parties decided to enter into negotiations three days before the deadline for the Applicant to file his rejoinder, he shall have the same three days left to file his rejoinder if the parties do not reach an agreement and proceedings are resumed.

Conclusion

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

a. The proceedings before the Tribunal in this matter be suspended during the parties' informal settlement discussions until **Wednesday, 20 March 2024**; and

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accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn; or

c. If no settlement agreement can be reached within the prescribed period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal, and the Applicant shall file his rejoinder by **Monday, 25 March 2024**.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 19th day of February 2024

Entered in the Register on this 19th day of February 2024

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva