Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2023/035

Order No.: 59 (GVA/2024) Date: 24 May 2024

Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

SUAREZ LISTE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. The Applicant contests the decision not to grant him a continuing appointment after his probationary period as language staff.

- 2. On 11 August 2023, the Respondent filed his reply, *inter alia*, challenging the receivability of the application.
- 3. By Order No. 132 (GVA/2023), the Tribunal instructed:
 - a. The Applicant to file a rejoinder by 2 November 2023; and
 - b. The parties to revert to it by 10 November 2023 concerning possible amicable settlement of the dispute.
- 4. By motion dated 31 October 2023, the Applicant requested an extension of the deadline to file his rejoinder.
- 5. By Order No. 145 (GVA/2023) of 1 November 2023, the Tribunal granted the Applicant's motion.
- 6. On 16 November 2023, the Applicant filed his rejoinder.
- 7. On 1 December 2023, the parties filed a joint motion informing the Tribunal that they are not in a position to explore alternative dispute resolution.
- 8. On 26 December 2023, the Respondent filed a motion for leave to adduce additional evidence.
- 9. By Order No. 33 (GVA/2024) of 15 April 2024, the Tribunal granted the Respondent's motion for leave to adduce additional evidence, and instructed the Applicant to file an amended rejoinder, if he so wished, which he did on 3 May 2024.

Consideration

10. Having examined the parties' submissions to date and the evidence on record, the Tribunal finds that it is fully informed on the matter and that the case can be

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determined without holding a hearing. Consequently, the parties can proceed to file their closing submissions.

Conclusion

- 11. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT by **Friday**, 7 **June 2024**, the parties shall file their respective closing submission, which shall:
 - a. Exclusively refer to the evidence already on file; and
 - b. Not exceed 10 pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 pts and 1.5 line spacing.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 24th day of May 2024

Entered in the Register on this 24th day of May 2024 (*Signed*)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva