Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2023/023

Order No.: 64 (GVA/2024)
Date: 31 May 2024

Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Self-represented

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Introduction

1. On 16 April 2023, the Applicant, a Project Control Officer with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ("UNHCR") in Addis Ababa, filed an application contesting the decision not to select him for the position of Project Control Officer, at the P-3 level, advertised through Job Opening No. 10038353.

- 2. On 22 June 2023, the Respondent filed his reply.
- 3. By Order No. 98 (GVA/2023) of 15 August 2023, the Tribunal instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder, which he did on 30 August 2023.
- 4. By Order No. 35 (GVA/2024) of 18 April 2024, the Tribunal rejected the Applicant's motions for anonymity and for exclusion of evidence, and instructed the parties to file closing submissions by 2 May 2024.
- 5. By email dated 1 May 2024, the Applicant informed the Tribunal that it would appeal Order No. 35 (GVA/2024).
- 6. On 2 May 2024, the Respondent filed his closing submissions.
- 7. By email dated 29 May 2024, the Registry of the Appeals Tribunal confirmed that the Applicant filed an interlocutory appeal of Order No. 35 (GVA/2024).

Consideration

- 8. While the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure do not contain a provision determining the suspension of proceedings when a party appeals an interlocutory order, art. 10.1 of its Statute allows the Dispute Tribunal to suspend proceedings in a case at the request of the parties.
- 9. Considering that the Applicant appealed Order No. 35 (GVA/2024), which contains this Tribunal's decision on the Applicant's request for anonymity and on the fact that this matter would be decided without holding a hearing on the merits, a suspension of proceedings is justified by reasons of judicial economy. To proceed otherwise would risk the integrity of the present proceedings.

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Conclusion

10. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the proceedings in this matter are suspended until the Applicant's appeal of Order No. 35 (GVA/2024) is resolved and a decision is rendered.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 31st day of May 2024

Entered in the Register on this 31st day of May 2024 (Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva