



**Before:** Duty Judge

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

EFRATI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. By application filed on 22 March 2024, the Applicant contests the decision to delay the granting of a long service step.
2. On 22 April 2024, the Respondent filed his reply, *inter alia*, challenging the receivability of the application.

## **Consideration**

### *Filing of a rejoinder*

3. Having perused the case file, the Tribunal considers it appropriate and in the interest of justice to grant the Applicant leave to file a rejoinder. The Applicant should *inter alia* address in it the receivability challenge that the Respondent raised.

### *Amicable settlement*

4. Recalling that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution, the Tribunal finds it also appropriate to encourage the parties to explore the possibility of having the dispute between them resolved without recourse to further litigation.

## **Conclusion**

5. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
  - a. By **Monday, 22 July 2024**, the Applicant shall file her rejoinder; and
  - b. The parties shall explore resolving the dispute amicably and revert to the Tribunal in this respect by **Monday, 29 July 2024**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Duty Judge)

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2024

Entered in the Register on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2024

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva