



**Before:** Duty Judge

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

STEPANOVA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

---

**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

---

**Counsel for Applicant:**

Robbie Leighton, OSLA

**Counsel for Respondent:**

Tamal Mandal, DAS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

## **Introduction**

1. By application filed on 28 March 2024, the Applicant contests the decision to subject her to the mobility policy under ST/AI/2023/3 (Mobility).
2. On 3 May 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 **Thursday, 25 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 **Thursday, 1 August 2024**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Duty Judge)

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

Entered in the Register on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva