



**Before:** Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Presiding), Judge Joelle Adda, Judge Sean Wallace

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

VANSHELBOIM

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. The Applicant, a former staff member of the United Nations Office for Project Services (“UNOPS”), contests the decision to impose on him the disciplinary measures of dismissal and a fine of twelve months’ net base salary. He also contests the decision to recover from him the amount of USD63,626,806 and to withhold the release of the PF.4 form (“separation notification”) to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (“UNJSPF”) until such indebtedness is fully recovered.
2. After several Orders on case management, by Order No. 49 (GVA/2024) of 8 May 2024, the Tribunal instructed the parties to confirm the availability of the proposed witnesses to attend a hearing on the merits between 5 and 16 August 2024.
3. By Order No. 72 (GVA/2024) of 25 June 2024, the Tribunal scheduled an in person hearing on the merits to be held at the Geneva Courtroom on 12, 13, and, if needed, 14 August 2024.
4. By Order No. 79 (GVA/2024) of 3 July 2024, the Tribunal informed the parties, *inter alia*, of its tentative schedule for the upcoming hearing on the merits.
5. By motion dated 10 July 2024, Counsel for the Applicant requested that he and the Applicant be allowed to participate virtually, which was accepted by Order No. 83 (GVA/2024) of 12 July 2024. The hearing tentative schedule of appearances was adjusted accordingly.
6. By email dated 15 July 2024, Counsel for the Respondent requested permission for him and the expert witness to also attend the upcoming hearing virtually.

## **Consideration**

7. The Tribunal notes that due to various exceptional circumstances, all parties requested permission to attend the upcoming hearing virtually. The Tribunal will therefore, exceptionally, rescind its previous decision to hold it in person at the Geneva Courtroom.

8. Instead, the hearing on the merits will be held virtually on 12 and 13 August 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

9. The Tribunal will provide a link in its calendar of hearings for the public to follow these proceedings remotely.

### **Conclusion**

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

a. An oral hearing will be held virtually on **12 and 13 August 2024** via Microsoft Teams;

b. The tentative schedule of appearances is maintained as per para. 9 of Order No. 83 (GVA/2024); and

c. The parties are instructed to provide their contact details, including the witnesses' (email and phone number), no later than **Wednesday, 24 July 2024**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Presiding)

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

Entered in the Register on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva