

Before: Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant: George Irving

Counsel for Respondent:

Nicole Wynn, AS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/056 Order No. 110 (GVA/2024)

Introduction

1. By application filed on 28 October 2023, the Applicant contests the decision declining to re-open her Appendix D claim.

2. On 19 December 2023, the Respondent filed his reply.

3. By Order No. 7 (GVA/2024), the Duty Judge instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder and asked the parties to explore resolving the dispute amicably instructing them to revert to the Tribunal in this respect.

4. The Applicant filed his rejoinder on 22 February 2024.

5. In their joint response to Order No. 7 (GVA/2024), filed on 21 February 2024, the parties informed the Tribunal that they were unable to settle the dispute amicably in this case.

6. The case was assigned to undersigned Judge on 17 September 2024.

Consideration

7. The Tribunal has reviewed the parties' submissions and, having in mind art. 19 of its Rules of Procedure, takes the view that the relevant facts in the present case are clear, there is no need to conduct a hearing on the merits, and the matter can be determined on the basis of the documents on record.

8. Therefore, in the interest of a fair and expeditious disposal of the case, the parties are directed to file closing submissions, addressing the points raised in each other's filings.

9. The Respondent is further directed to more particularly address the issue of exceptional circumstances that the Applicant raised in her request to re-open the claim (for more details, see the Applicant's rejoinder).

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Conclusion

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

a. By **Monday**, **30 September 2024**, the parties shall file their respective closing submission, which shall exclusively refer to the evidence already on file;

b. In his closing submissions, the Respondent shall particularly address the issue of exceptional circumstances that the Applicant raised (see para. 9 above); and

c. The closing submission shall not exceed five pages, in font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing of 1.5 lines.

(Signed) Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell Dated this 19th day of September 2024

Entered in the Register on this 19th day of September 2024 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva