

Before: Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

EFRATI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant: Robbie Leighton, OSLA

Counsel for Respondent:

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Case No. UNDT/GVA/2023/061 Order No. 126 (GVA/2024)

Introduction

1. By application filed on 17 November 2023, the Applicant seeks an Order of the Tribunal for enforcement of a settlement agreement signed between her and the Organization on 14 August 2023 and 22 August 2023 respectively.

2. On 28 December 2023, the Respondent filed his reply.

3. By Order No. 18 (GVA/2024), the Tribunal instructed the Applicant to file a rejoinder, and encouraged the parties to explore alternative dispute resolution.

4. On 25 March 2024, the Applicant filed her rejoinder.

5. On 1 April 2024, the parties filed a joint submission informing the Tribunal that they were not able to reach an amicable settlement.

6. By Order No. 117 (GVA/2024), the Tribunal denied the Applicant's request for disclosure of evidence and instructed the parties to file their respective closing submissions by 9 October 2024.

7. On 30 September 2024, the Applicant filed a motion for extension of time to file her closing submission.

Consideration

8. In support of the Applicant's motion, her Counsel informs the Tribunal that he will be on mission between 7 and 9 October and, before that, involved with trial preparation for a hearing starting on 10 October.

9. The Tribunal sees no detriment to the fair disposition of this case in granting to the Applicant the requested extension of time to file her closing submission.

10. In the interest of the principle of equality of arms, the Respondent's deadline shall be equally extended.

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Conclusion

- 11. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. The Applicant's motion for extension of time is granted; and

b. The parties shall file their respective closing submission by Monday, 18 October 2024.

(*Signed*) Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell Dated this 3rd day of October 2024

Entered in the Register on this 3rd day of October 2024 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva