



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2025/022

Order No.: 40 (GVA/2025)

Date: 25 April 2025

Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

FRIEDMAN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL**

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Introduction

1. By application filed on 16 April 2025, the Applicant, a staff member of the United Nations Populations Fund (“UNFPA”), requests suspension of action, pending management evaluation, of the decision to abolish her post and separate her from service effective 30 April 2025.
2. The application for suspension of action was served on the Respondent, who was given a deadline to file his reply by 22 April 2025.
3. By email dated 21 April 2025, the Respondent informed the Tribunal that the parties were engaged in active mediation through the Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programmes, and requested a 72-hour suspension of the proceedings to finalize the matter amicably.
4. On the following day, the Tribunal granted the request and ordered that proceedings be suspended until 24 April 2025. The Tribunal further directed the parties that any subsequent requests shall be submitted by way of formal motion filed through the e-Filing Portal.
5. On 24 April 2025, the Applicant informed the Tribunal that the parties had reached a successful agreement and, requested to withdraw her application.

Consideration

6. In her submission, the Applicant informed the Tribunal that the parties have successfully resolved the matter through a settlement agreement, and requested the discontinuance of the proceedings by withdrawal.
7. Having reviewed the parties’ motion, the Tribunal sees no obstacle to the withdrawal of the application.
8. The Applicant’s clear and unequivocal withdrawal of her application requires no pronouncement on the merits and concludes the current matter before the Tribunal.

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Conclusion

9. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT Case No. UNDT/GVA/2025/022 be hereby closed without liberty to reinstate and struck from the Tribunal's docket.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 25th day of April 2025

Entered in the Register on this 25th day of April 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva