



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2024/041

Order No.: 42 (GVA/2025)

Date: 29 April 2025

Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Francesco Buffa

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** Liliana López Bello

SAMARASINHA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**

Elizabeth Gall, UNDP

## **Introduction**

1. By Order No. 27 (GVA/2025) issued on 28 March 2025, the Tribunal ordered the parties to file their closing submissions by 2 May 2025.
2. On 14 April 2025, the Applicant filed a motion seeking rescission of the said order on the grounds of what he considers gross negligence of his former Counsel and in the interest of justice. Accordingly, the Applicant requests:
  - a. Rescission or variation of Order No. 27 (GVA/2025) and allow him to:
    - i. File further documentary evidence; and
    - ii. Submit a request for the examination of witnesses.
  - b. The Tribunal to set new deadlines for him to file the submissions listed in para. 2(a)(i) above.
3. On 22 April 2025, the Respondent filed his response to the Applicant's motion of 14 April 2025.
4. By way of an email sent to the Registry on 25 April 2025, the Applicant inquired about the status of his motion on rescission of Order No. 27 (GVA/2025) and whether the deadline to file the closing submissions by 2 May 2025 will be suspended in light of his motion.

## **Considerations**

5. The Tribunal notes the need to suspend the deadlines contained in Order No. 27 (GVA/2025), in light of the Applicant's pending motion seeking its rescission or variation.

## **Conclusion**

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

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- a. Pending a ruling on the Applicant's motion on rescission of Order No. 27 (GVA/2025), the deadlines contained in the said order are hereby suspended.
- b. The Tribunal will set new dates for the parties to file their closing submissions in due course.

*(Signed)*

Judge Francesco Buffa

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

Entered in the Register on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

*(Signed)*

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva