



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/GVA/2025/072
Order No.: 146 (GVA/2025)
Date: 9 December 2025
Original: English

Before: Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: Liliana López Bello

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v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Introduction

1. On 18 October 2025, the Applicant, a former staff member of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (“OROLSI”) at the Department of Peace Operations (“DPO”), filed an application, completed on 19 November 2025, contesting the decision of “[s]eparation from service following investigation and disciplinary process, and inclusion of his name in the ClearCheck database”. In his application, the Applicant included a request to exceed the page limit.
2. On 20 November 2025, the Tribunal instructed the Respondent to file a reply by 22 December 2025.
3. On 5 December 2024, the Respondent filed a “motion to object application” on the basis that the Applicant filed an application which exceeded the permitted 10-page limit stipulated by Practice Direction No. 4 without first seeking permission of the Tribunal.

Consideration

4. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Dispute Tribunal, the Tribunal may at any time issue any order or give any direction which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious disposal of a case and to do justice to the parties.
5. The Applicant seeks leave to exceed the standard 10-page limit for his application. In his application, he submits that the case arises from “a complex disciplinary procedure, which generated a substantial volume of documentation, including a memorandum of allegation of 86 pages and a final decision of 47 pages”. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Tribunal grant leave for his application to exceed the page limit, in the interest of ensuring a full and fair presentation of the case.
6. The Tribunal has considered the reasons advanced by the Applicant for requesting leave to exceed the page limit and accepts that complexity of the case, as well as the number and nature of the allegations raised justify the need for

additional 10 pages. The Tribunal notes that the application is currently 26 pages long and therefore the Applicant is instructed to refile an application which is to be 20 pages maximum. The Tribunal will grant the Respondent additional 10 pages to respond in his reply, as well as additional time to file the reply.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
- a. The Respondent's 5 December 2025 motion is partially granted;
 - b. The Applicant's request for leave to exceed the page limit for the application is granted in part;
 - c. By **Monday, 15 December 2025**, the Applicant shall refile his application, which is to be 20 pages maximum, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing; and
 - d. By **Monday, 5 January 2026**, the Respondent shall file his reply at a maximum length of 20 pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang

Dated this 9th day of December 2025

Entered in the Register on this 9th day of December 2025

(Signed)

Liliana López Bello, Registrar, Geneva