



**Before:** Judge Vinod Boolell  
**Registry:** Nairobi  
**Registrar:** Abena Kwakye-Berko, Acting Registrar

ACQUAISIE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**DECISION ON THE APPLICANT'S  
MOTION TO DISCONTINUE**

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**Counsel for the Respondent:**

Steven Dietrich, ALS/OHRM

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## **Application and Procedural History**

1. The Applicant was a Political Affairs Officer with the United Nations Political Office in Somalia (UNPOS). He served in that capacity at the P3 level until the liquidation of UNPOS on 3 July 2013, at which time the Applicant was separated from service.

2. On 29 October 2013, the Applicant filed an Application with the Tribunal challenging the Respondent's decision to recover USD3,000 from his salary (impugned decision). The impugned decision was made on 31 July 2013 and communicated to the Applicant on 23 September 2013.

3. On 22 November 2013, the Parties filed a Joint Submission to Suspend Proceedings Pending Informal Settlement Efforts. The Parties informed the Tribunal that they are seeking to have the dispute between them resolved informally and, in the interest of judicial economy, moved for suspension of proceedings for two months.

4. On 25 November 2013, the Tribunal issued Order No. 255 (NBI/2013) granting the Parties' motion and suspending the proceedings up to 25 January 2014.

5. On 27 January 2014, the Parties moved for a further suspension of the proceedings. The Parties jointly requested a one month extension to allow the joint consultations to continue. The Tribunal granted this request in Order No. 019 (NBI/2014) on 31 January 2014.

6. On 12 February 2014, the Applicant filed a Motion to Discontinue informing the Tribunal that the Parties have resolved the dispute between them. The Applicant moved for the removal of his case from the Tribunal's docket.

**DIRECTIONS**

7. The Tribunal congratulates the Parties for having resolved this dispute *inter partes*.

8. The Tribunal hereby **GRANTS** the Applicant's motion and **ORDERS** that the matter of *Acquaisie v Secretary General of the United Nations* (UNDT/NBI/2013/072) be struck off the Court's docket.

*(signed)*

Judge Vinod Boolell

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014

Entered in the Register on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014

*(signed)*

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Acting Registrar, Nairobi