



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

NYA NANA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER ON THE PARTIES' JOINT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN  
PROCEEDINGS PENDING  
INFORMAL SETTLEMENT  
DISCUSSIONS**

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### **The Application and Procedural History**

1. The Applicant is an Audio Visual Technician on a fixed term appointment at the G4 level in the Communications Section of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

2. On 13 April 2015, the Applicant filed an Application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in Nairobi challenging the Respondent's failure to take adequate measures to adequately ensure his safety, and decisions to treat his absence from the duty station as unauthorised and "the attendant decision not to return to him the salary" that was withheld.

3. The Respondent's Reply is due on 14 May 2015.

4. On 7 May 2015, the Parties filed the subject motion of the present decision for adjournment of proceedings pending the outcome of settlement discussions which are now at an advanced stage.

### **Deliberations and Order**

5. The Tribunal commends the Parties for its proactive efforts in having this matter resolved without recourse to litigation.

6. The Tribunal therefore **GRANTS** the Parties' motion for adjournment of proceedings.

7. Pursuant to article 10.3 of the Statute of the Tribunal, and art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the matter of *Nya Nana v Secretary-General of the United Nations* (Case No. UNDT/NBI/2015/037) is hereby **SUSPENDED**.

8. The Parties are **DIRECTED to** jointly advise the Tribunal of the status of their consultations by **1 June 2015**.

9. The deadline for the filing of the Respondent's Reply is likewise extended to **1 June 2015**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Vinod Boolell

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

Entered in the Register on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

*(Signed)*

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi