

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2015/050

Order No.: 181 (NBI/2015)
Date: 21 May 2015

Original: English

**Before:** Judge Vinod Boolell

Registry: Nairobi

**Registrar:** Abena Kwakye-Berko

NYA NANA

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON THE PARTIES' JOINT
MOTION FOR FURTHER
SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS
PENDING INFORMAL SETTLEMENT
DISCUSSIONS

## **Counsel for the Applicant:**

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## **Counsel for the Respondent:**

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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 was due on 14 May 2015.
- 4. On 7 May 2015, the Parties filed a motion for adjournment of proceedings pending the outcome of settlement discussions.
- 5. On 13 May 2015, the Tribunal issued Order No. 160 (NBI/2015) granting the Parties' motion.
- 6. On 21 May 2015, the Parties jointly informed the Tribunal that the "advanced settlement discussions" are proceeding well, and moved to extend the suspension of proceedings to 30 June 2015.

#### **Deliberations and Order**

- 7. The Tribunal commends the Parties for their continued efforts in having this matter resolved without recourse to litigation.
- 8. The Tribunal therefore **GRANTS** the Parties' motion for suspension of proceedings.

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- 9. Pursuant to art.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**.
- 10. The Parties are **DIRECTED to** jointly advise the Tribunal of the status of their consultations by **30 June 2015.**
- 11. The deadline for the filing of the Respondent's Reply is likewise extended to **1 July 2015.**

(Signed)

Judge Vinod Boolell

Dated this 21st day of May 2015

Entered in the Register on this 21st day of May 2015

(Signed)

Legal Officer, for: Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi