



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

CASTRO BERNADINO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE PARTIES' JOINT
MOTION TO SUSPEND
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 a Pharmacist on a continuing appointment at the P3 level at the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

2. On 18 August 2015, the Applicant filed an Application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in Nairobi challenging the Respondent's decision not to select her for a P3 Pharmacist post with the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS).

3. The Application was filed on the Respondent with a deadline to file a Reply by 17 September 2015.

4. On 9 September 2015, the Parties moved the Tribunal to suspend proceedings in this matter pending the outcome of ongoing informal settlement discussions. The Parties believe that a suspension of proceedings would serve both their interests and that of the Tribunal; they therefore request that the deadline for the filing of the Respondent's Reply be extended by one month.

Deliberations and Order

5. The Tribunal commends the Parties for their 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 art. 10.3 of the Statute of the Tribunal, and art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the matter of *Castro Bernadino v Secretary-General of the United Nations* (Case No. UNDT/NBI/2015/090) is hereby **SUSPENDED**.

8. The Parties are **DIRECTED to** jointly advise the Tribunal of the status of their consultations by **19 October 2015**.

9. The deadline for the filing of the Respondent's Reply is likewise extended to **19 October 2015**.

(Signed)

Judge Vinod Boolell

Dated this 17th day of September 2015

Entered in the Register on this 17th day of September 2015

(Signed)

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