

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2015/091

Order No.: 163 (NBI/2016)
Date: 23 March 2016

Original: English

Before: Judge Vinod Boolell

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

CHANDA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CHANGE OF VENUE

Counsel for the Applicant:

Nicole Washienko, OSLA

Counsel for the Respondent:

Karen Madeleine Farkas, UNHCR

The Application and Procedural History

- 1. The Applicant is the Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to South Sudan. He holds a permanent appointment at the D1 level and is based in Juba.
- 2. On 20 August 2015, the Applicant filed an Application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in Nairobi challenging the Respondent's decision to impose a fine and a written censure on him.
- 3. The Application was served on the Respondent, and the latter was given until 21 September 2015 to file his Reply.
- 4. On 15 September 2015, the Respondent moved for extension of that deadline to 25 September 2015. The Respondent informed the Court that Counsel for the Applicant does not object to the additional time being granted.
- 5. On 21 September 2015, the Tribunal issued Order No. 297 (NBI/2015) granting the motion for extension of time.
- 6. The Respondent filed his Reply on 25 September 2015.
- 7. Following consultation with the UNDT in Geneva, a decision has been made by the UNDT Registry in Nairobi to transfer this case to the UNDT in Geneva.
- 8. On 15 March 2016, the Tribunal issued Order No. 101 (NBI/2016) seeking the Parties' views on the transfer of this case from Nairobi to Geneva.
- 9. Neither Party has objected to the transfer.

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10. In accordance with art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Tribunal, the present case is transferred to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva with immediate effect.

11. The Tribunal directs the Registry in Nairobi to effect the necessary arrangements for the transfer of the file to the Registry in Geneva.

(signed)

Judge Vinod Boolell Dated this 23rd day of March 2016

Entered in the Register on this 23rd day of March 2016

(signed) Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi