

Before:

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Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Nairobi **Registry:**

Registrar:

Abena Kwakye-Berko

KIGOZI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON THE PARTIES' JOINT MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS

Counsel for the Applicant: Daniel Trup, OSLA

Counsel for the Respondent: Nicole Wynn, AAS/ALD/OHR Rosangela Adamo, AAS/ALD/OHR

Introduction

1. At the time of the contested decision, the Applicant was a Transport Assistant at the G-4/10 level working with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), based in Entebbe, Uganda.

2. On 20 April 2018, the Applicant filed an application with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) challenging the decision to abolish his post and terminate his fixed-term appointment.

3. The Respondent filed a reply to the application on 24 May 2018.

4. On 14 August 2019, the Tribunal issued Order No. 118 (NBI/2019) directing the parties to file further submissions. The Applicant was directed to file his submissions by 11 September 2019 and the Respondent to file by 30 September 2019.

5. The Applicant complied and filed his submissions on 4 September 2019.

6. On 26 September 2019, the parties filed a joint motion informing the Tribunal that they are currently engaged in good faith efforts to informally resolve the dispute. Accordingly, the parties are requesting for suspension of proceedings for 30 days and the extension of the deadline for the Respondent to file the reply until 30 October 2019 in the event that settlement discussions are unsuccessful.

DIRECTIONS.

- 7. The Tribunal makes the following **ORDERS:**
 - The proceedings before the Tribunal in this matter are suspended until 30 October 2019 for the purposes of allowing the parties to informally resolve the dispute;

- ii. If a settlement agreement is reached within this period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall subsequently confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn, or
- iii. If no settlement can be reached within the prescribed period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal, which will resume the proceedings in the matter.
- iv. The deadline for the Respondent to file the reply is extended to 5.00 p.m on 30 October 2019.

(Signed) Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart Dated this 8th October 2019

Entered in the Register on this 8th October 2019

(Signed) Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi