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Before: Judge Margaret Tibulya.

Nairobi **Registry:**

Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

GUSAROVA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Counsel for the Applicant: Self-represented

Counsel for the Respondent: Bart Willemsen, UNICEF Chinonyelum Esther Uwazie, UNICEF

Introduction

1. At the time of application, the Applicant was serving as a Human Resource Manager at the UNICEF East-South Africa Regional Office (ESARO) in Nairobi, Kenya.

2. On 25 July 2018, the Applicant filed an application contesting the decision of the Management Evaluation Unit (MEU) to uphold the decision of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations (OIAI) to dismiss her claim of abuse of authority and harassment.

3. The Respondent replied to the application on 7 September 2018. As a preliminary issue, the Respondent challenges the receivability of the application.

4. The Applicant filed her submissions in response on 25 February 2019.

5. On 15 November 2019, the Tribunal issued Judgment No. UNDT/2019/162 in which it held this matter to be receivable.

Order

6. For the purpose of the expeditious disposal of this case, and efficient use of the Tribunal's resources, the Tribunal deems it necessary to call the parties to a case management discussion.

7. The Tribunal also takes the view that the services of counsel will assist the Applicant and the Tribunal in the management and conduct of this case.

8. To this end, the Applicant is also advised to seek legal counsel for the conduct of her case. Information on legal assistance is available at http://www.un.org/en/oaj/legalassist/howto.shtml.

9. The Tribunal therefore **directs service** of the present Order on (OSLA) to facilitate the process.

10. For the case management discussion, Parties should be prepared to address the Tribunal on i) their preparedness for this matter to be heard, ii) whether this is a matter that is can be settled *inter partes* and/or iii) if they are amenable to adjudication on the basis of their written submissions.

11. A case management discussion in this case will take place on **5 December 2019** at 1500 hours Nairobi time (GMT+3) in the UNDT boardroom.

12. Parties appearing remotely are required to provide the Registry with their contact details no later than **3 December 2019**.

13. This order serves as a Hearing Notice pursuant to art. 16 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure.

(Signed)

Judge Margaret Tibulya.

Dated this 29th day of November 2019

Entered in the Register on this 29th day of November 2019

(Signed)

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