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Before: Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Nairobi **Registry:**

Registrar:

Abena Kwakye-Berko

MANCINELLI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON THE RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE REPLY

Counsel for the Applicant: Julia Kyung Min Lee, OSLA

Counsel for the Respondent: Katrina Waiters, UNFPA

Introduction

1. By an application filed on 18 March 2020, the Applicant contests the Administration's finding of misconduct and imposition of a disciplinary sanction against her.

2. On 19 March 2020, the Tribunal served the application on the Respondent with a deadline for his reply set to Monday, 20 April 2020.

3. On 3 April 2020, the Respondent filed a motion for extension of time to file his reply requesting that the deadline be extended to 20 May 2020. The reasons given in support of the motion include the fact that due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity to work from home has created both technical and logistical challenges for him to assemble the required witnesses, evidence and documents to properly respond to the application in the normal timeframe.

Considerations

4. Pursuant to art. 35 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal may extend a time-limit fixed by these rules when the interests of justice so require.

5. Having considered the Respondent's reasons in support of his motion, the Tribunal finds it appropriate and in the interests of justice to grant the requested extension of time to submit a reply.

ORDER

6. The Respondent shall submit his reply by **Wednesday**, 20 May 2020.

(Signed)

Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart Dated this 7th day of April 2020 Entered in the Register on this 7^{th} day of April 2020

(Signed) Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi