



Before: Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

ABDALLA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**DECISION ON THE APPLICANT'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE AN APPLICATION**

Counsel for the Applicant:
Ron Mponda

Counsel for the Respondent:
UNHCR

Introduction

1. The Applicant served as an Assistant Protection Officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He held a fixed term appointment as a National Officer at step 8, and was based in Khartoum, Sudan.

The Motion

2. On 22 May 2020, the Applicant moved the Tribunal to grant him leave to file his substantive application beyond the statutory 90 day limit. The Applicant submits that his movement is currently restricted, and he faces frequent power and internet outages stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. He has retained the services of counsel, based in Malawi, whom he is having difficulty communicating with, whose movement and access to the necessary facilities is likewise restricted.

3. He submits that an additional two months, assuming restriction are eased, will enable him to file his application.

Orders

4. The Tribunal has considered the Applicant's motion. As the circumstances facing global populations are unusual, the Tribunal is minded to exercise a degree of leniency with the deadline for the filing of this application.

5. The Applicant is directed to file his application by **24 July 2020**.

(Signed)

Judge Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell

Dated this 28th day of May 2020

Entered in the Register on this 28th day of May 2020

(Signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi