



Before: Judge Francis Belle
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

AMANI

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:
Self-represented

Counsel for the Respondent:
AAS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. The Applicant served as an Engineer with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (“MINUSMA”). He held a fixed term appointment at the P-3 level, and was based in Bamako, Mali.

The Motion

2. On 22 April 2020, the Applicant was informed that he was being separated from service of the United Nations for misconduct in violation of staff regulation 1.2(b) and staff rule 1.2(b) with compensation *in lieu* of notice and 25% of the applicable termination indemnity in accordance with staff rule 10.2(a)(viii).

3. On 10 July 2020, the Applicant moved the Tribunal to grant him leave to file his substantive application beyond the statutory 90-day limit. The Applicant’s request for review by the Management Evaluation Unit states that the impugned decision was taken on the basis of facts that have not been established; he denies that he was ever indicted, arrested, fined or imprisoned.

4. The Applicant submitted that his movement was restricted because of the COVID-19 pandemic which, coupled with the ongoing judicial recess in the relevant country, made it impossible for him to access the documentation he needed to make his case.

5. He asked to be granted until 15 December 2020 to file his application.

6. The Tribunal issued Order No. 134 (NBI/2020) granting the Applicant’s motion until 30 October 2020.

7. On 30 October 2020, the Applicant moved the Tribunal for a further extension of time on grounds similar to that of his earlier motion.

Orders

8. 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.

9. The Applicant is directed to file his application by **4 December 2020**.

(Signed)

Judge Francis Belle

Dated this 5th day of November 2020

Entered in the Register on this 5th day of November 2020

(Signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi