



**Before:** Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

**Registry:** Nairobi

**Registrar:** Abena Kwakye-Berko

RIECAN

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**HEARING NOTICE**

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**Counsel for the Applicant:**  
Self-represented

**Counsel for the Respondent:**  
Nicole Wynn, AS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat  
Maureen Munyolo, AS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

## Introduction

1. The Applicant is a former staff member of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (“ESCWA”), based in Beirut, Lebanon.<sup>1</sup> Prior to this application, he was serving as a Senior Advisor on Innovation and Technology, at the D-1 level. He served on a permanent appointment.<sup>2</sup> He commenced his retirement effective 1 September 2022.<sup>3</sup>

2. By an application filed on 7 March 2022, the Applicant challenges a decision of the Executive Secretary of ESCWA to reassign him from the former position that he encumbered as D-1 Chief of Statistics to the position of D-1 Senior Advisor on Innovation and Technology, effective 21 September 2021.<sup>4</sup> However, as reflected in subsequent submissions by the parties, the contested decision has become moot and the matter is now about compensation.

3. The Respondent filed a reply on 7 April 2022 in which it is argued that the contested decision was legal, rational, and procedurally correct.<sup>5</sup>

## ORDERS

4. The hearing in the matter of *Riecan v. The Secretary-General of the United Nations* shall be held from **24-25 May 2023**. On Wednesday 24 May 2023, the hearing will commence at 9.00 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m.; while on Thursday 25 May 2023, the hearing will commence at 10.00 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m., Nairobi time (GMT+3) via Microsoft Teams. The Registry will provide a link to access the meeting. The hearing will be open to the public.

5. It is the responsibility of the Applicant and the Respondent to ensure the

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<sup>1</sup> Application, section I.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Applicant’s submission during the case management discussion held on 17 October 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Application, section VII.

<sup>5</sup> Reply, para. 2.

availability of the witnesses at the hearing.

6. Should either party intend to refer the witnesses to any document, the said document should be provided to the Registry and the witness in advance.

7. In accordance with art. 16.4 of the UNDT Rules of Procedure, the parties or their duly designated representatives must attend the hearing.

8. The parties and their witnesses are reminded that recording of courtroom proceedings is not permitted.

*(Signed)*

Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023

Entered in the Register on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023

*(Signed)*

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi