



Before: Duty Judge
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge

ROESKE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE PARTIES'
JOINT MOTION TO
SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Rebecca Britnell, UNHCR

Introduction

1. On 15 March 2024, the Applicant filed an application challenging the decision to not to reimburse her the 2022 US income taxes (IRS and California State) and pay for the estimated tax payment for 2023 taxes (IRS and California State).
2. The deadline for the Respondent's reply is 18 April 2024.
3. On 17 April 2024, the parties moved the Tribunal to suspend proceedings in this case until 15 May 2024. They indicate that they have agreed to enter into informal negotiations in an attempt to resolve the Applicant's grievance.
4. Further, the Respondent also requests that the deadline to file his reply be suspended pending the parties' advice to the Tribunal of the outcome of the negotiations. As per the joint motion, the Respondent requests to file his reply by 24 May 2024 if negotiations fail.

Consideration

5. The Tribunal commends the Parties for their proactive efforts in having this matter resolved without recourse to litigation. It further recalls that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative dispute resolution.
6. Having considered the joint motion and guided by arts. 15.3, 15.4 and 15.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal finds it is in the interest of justice to give the parties sufficient time to focus on their settlement efforts by suspending the proceedings as requested.

Conclusion

7. In view of the above, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. The proceedings before the Tribunal in this matter be suspended during the parties' informal settlement discussions until **Wednesday, 15 May 2024**;

b. If an informal settlement agreement is reached within this period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that his application is withdrawn; or

c. If no settlement agreement can be reached within the prescribed period, the parties shall inform the Tribunal and the Respondent shall file his reply by **Friday, 24 May 2024**.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace, Duty Judge

Dated this 18th day of April 2024

Entered in the Register on this 18th day of April 2024

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge, Nairobi