Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2024/026

Order No.: 54 (NBI/2024) Date: 22 May 2024

Original: English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge

LARRIERA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. On 16 April 2024, the Applicant filed an application contesting the decision

of the Advisory Board on Compensation Claims to "deduct from the Applicant's

entitlement to compensation as a surviving spouse the amount of pension benefits

being paid although she is not receiving any part of those benefits".

2. In his reply filed on 17 May 2024, the Respondent requests the Tribunal to

reject the application. He contends that the contested decision is legal, rational and

procedurally fair.

Consideration

Filing of a rejoinder

3. Having perused the case file, the Tribunal considers it appropriate and in the

interest of justice to grant the Applicant an opportunity to file a rejoinder and

address the Respondent's arguments.

Amicable settlement

4. Recalling that the General Assembly has consistently encouraged alternative

dispute resolution, the Tribunal finds it also appropriate to encourage the parties to

explore the possibility of having the dispute between them resolved without

recourse to further litigation.

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Conclusion

- 5. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. By **Friday**, **7 June 2024**, the Applicant shall file a rejoinder. The rejoinder shall not exceed five pages.
 - b. The parties shall explore resolving the dispute amicably and revert to the Tribunal in this respect by **Friday 21 June 2024**.

(Signed)
Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)
Dated this 22nd day of May 2024

Entered in the Register on this 22nd day of May 2024

(Signed)

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