Case No.:

UNDT/NBI/2024/014

Order No.:

62 (NBI/2024)

Date:

Original:

4 June 2024 English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Nairobi

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

AHOUISSOU

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. By application dated 12 March 2024, the Applicant challenges the

Administration's decision to delay the issuance of his P.35 form, which resulted in

holding his entitlements after separation from the Organization due to the non-

renewal of his fixed-term employment contract on the basis that he is under

investigation. The Applicant submits that he is not indebted to the Organization and

therefore the withholding of the issuance of the pension form is unlawful.

2. The Respondent filed his reply on 10 April 2024.

3. On 18 April 2024, the Applicant filed a motion seeking leave to file a

rejoinder to the Respondent's reply. The Applicant attached the rejoinder to the

motion.

Consideration

Filing of a rejoinder

4. Having perused the Applicant's motion and rejoinder, the Tribunal considers

it appropriate and in the interest of justice to grant the motion. The rejoinder is now

properly admitted as part of the case record.

Amicable settlement

5. 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.

Documents filed in French

6. The Tribunal notes that several of the documents in the case record are written

in French.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:

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a. The Applicant's motion to file a rejoinder is granted and the rejoinder is admitted into the case record;

- b. The parties shall explore resolving the dispute amicably and revert to the Tribunal in this respect by **Tuesday**, **18 June 2024**; and
- c. By **Tuesday**, **25 June 2024**, the parties shall advise the Tribunal if there are English translations of the documents filed in French in existence already. If so, that they be filed; and if not, whether they believe that these documents need to be translated into English in order dispose of this case.

(Signed)
Judge Sean Wallace
Dated this 4th day of June 2024

Entered in the Register on this 4th day of June 2024

(Signed)

Eric Muli, Legal Officer, for René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge, Nairobi