Case No.:

UNDT/NBI/2023/054

Order No.:

97 (NBI/2024)

Date: Original:

31 July 2024 English

**Before:** Judge Sean Wallace

Registry: Nairobi

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

ALY

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

# ORDER ON THE PARTIES' JOINT MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS

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#### **Introduction and Procedural History**

1. The Applicant contests the decision to impose on her the disciplinary measure of loss of one grade and written censure for her failure to cooperate with the investigation carried out by the Office of Audit and Investigations Services, United Nations Population Fund.

2. The Respondent filed his reply on 28 July 2023 seeking dismissal of the application on the basis that it has no merit, and that the contested decision was lawful.

3. The Tribunal and the parties agreed to certain timelines for the proceedings in this matter at a case management discussion ("CMD") held on 25 June 2024.

4. On 19 June 2024, the parties informed the Tribunal that they are engaged in *inter partes* settlement discussion, and jointly moved for suspension of proceedings and postponement of the timelines agreed at the CMD.

#### Consideration

5. The Tribunal commends the parties for striving to resolve this dispute amicably and without recourse to further litigation. To that end, it grants the joint motion as requested.

6. The Tribunal reminds the parties that, in the event that settlement discussions are unsuccessful, the hearing schedule will remain as agreed.

#### Conclusion

- 7. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
  - a. The parties' joint motion is hereby **GRANTED**;
  - b. By **Friday, 30 August 2024**, the parties will apprise the Tribunal about the status of their settlement discussions:

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c. The disclosure and filing deadline previously set for Thursday,22 August 2024 is postponed to Friday, 30 August 2024; and

d. The hearing set for 8-9 October 2024 remains scheduled.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace

Dated this 31st day of July 2024

Entered in the Register on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024 *(Signed)* René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge, Nairobi