Case No.:

UNDT/NBI/2023/080

Order No.: Date: 110 (NBI/2024)

Original:

20 August 2024 English

Before: Judge Sean Wallace

Registry: Nairobi

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

OKELLO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

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Introduction

1. At a case management discussion ("CMD") held on 8 August 2024, the parties agreed to call four witnesses. The Applicant proposed to call two witnesses: himself and Mr. Habib Inga Mule. The Respondent proposed to call Mr. Calvin Odur and Ms. Susan Nazziwa Tenywa.

- 2. By Order No. 104 (NBI/2024) issued after the CMD, the parties were, among others directed to:
 - a. Confirm the availability of all witnesses for a hearing on a single day during the week of 16-19 September 2024;
 - b. Consult with each other to select a mutually agreeable date; and
 - c. Advise the Registry of that date.

Consideration

- 3. By email sent on 16 August 2024, the Applicant's Counsel informed the Tribunal that upon further evaluation, the Applicant re-considered presenting Mr. Habib as his second witness and decided to not call him. Accordingly, the Applicant will only proceed with his own testimony in this matter.
- 4. Further in his response to Order No. 104 (NBI/2024), filed on 16 August 2024, the Respondent indicated that:
 - a. Mr. Odur is available to testify at the hearing and he will do so remotely from Kampala; and
 - b. Ms. Tenywa is unlikely to be able to testify due to her current personal circumstances.
- 5. The Respondent further informed the Tribunal that the parties consulted with each other and agreed that 17 September 2024 was a mutually agreeable date to hold the oral hearing. The Respondent also indicated that one of his counsel will be

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in Montreal, Canada (GMT-4) during the hearing. He thus requested that the hearing start as late as practicable.

Conclusion

- 6. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. The hearing in the matter of *Okello v. The Secretary-General of the United Nations* shall be held from **17 September 2024**, commencing at **1 p.m**. (Nairobi time, GMT+3) via Microsoft Teams; and
 - b. The hearing will be held in public. The Registry will provide a link to access the meeting.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace

Dated this 20th day of August 2024

Entered in the Register on this 20th day of August 2024 (Signed) René M. Vargas M., Officer-in-Charge, Nairobi