Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/019

Order No.: 46 (NBI/2025)

Date: 9 April 2025 Original: English

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Wanda L. Carter

DASKALOVA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. The Applicant is the Chief Operations and Resource Management in the

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara ("MINURSO"). She

holds a continuing appointment at the P-5 level and is based in Laayoune.

2. On 20 February 2025, the Applicant filed an application to challenge the

Special Representative for the Secretary General's ("SRSG's") decision to

"unilaterally ... remove from her portfolio of responsibilities, as per her Terms of

Reference [Finance and Budget] and [Human Resources] Sections thus, reducing

by more than 50% her classified job description, the terms of reference for the job

against which she was selected and appointed, and her workload, respectively

unlawfully materially changing the contractual terms of her appointment." This

decision was made on 11 September 2024.

3. The Applicant also challenges the SRSG's decision to appoint another staff

member as the Deputy Chief of Mission Support ("DCMS"), without any

recruitment process, and assigning him functions previously assigned to her.

4. The Respondent replied to the application on 2 April 2025. The Respondent

submits that the application is not receivable since changing reporting lines is not a

reviewable administrative decision as per *Shah* 2023-UNAT-1351, para. 39.

Consideration

5. The Tribunal has considered the parties' submissions and deems it

appropriate to give the Applicant the opportunity to respond to the Respondent's

reply, particularly on the issue of receivability.

Conclusion

6. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the Applicant shall file his

rejoinder by Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 9th day of April 2025

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Entered in the Register on this 9th day of April 2025 (*Signed*)

Liliana Lopez-Bello, for, Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi