



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2024/078
Order No.: 65 (NBI/2025)
Date: 29 April 2025
Original: English

Before: Duty Judge
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Wanda L. Carter

NASSER

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE APPLICANT'S
MOTION REQUESTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A
REJOINDER**

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Introduction

1. Pursuant to Order No. 60 (NBI/2025), the Applicant's rejoinder to the reply is due today, Tuesday, 29 April 2025. By Motion dated 28 April 2025, the Applicant seeks a one-week time-extension from the Tribunal to submit the rejoinder. The Motion was filed *ex parte*.

Consideration

2. The Dispute Tribunal Statute authorizes the Tribunal "to suspend or waive the deadlines for a limited period of time and only in exceptional circumstances." *Id.*, art. 8.3. This provision is implemented in art. 7.5 of the Rules of Procedure which provides that a request for suspension, waiver or extension "shall succinctly set out the exceptional circumstances that, in the view of the applicant, justify the request. The request shall not exceed two pages in length."

3. Only circumstances beyond an applicant's control that prevented the applicant from exercising the right of appeal in a timely manner may be considered 'exceptional circumstances' justifying a waiver of a time limit or deadline. *Shehadeh* 2016-UNAT-689, para. 19. See also, *El-Khatib* 2010-UNAT-029, para. 14; *Diagne et al.* 2010- UNAT-067, para. 1; *Bofill* 2014-UNAT-478, para. 19.

4. The Tribunal notes the grounds on which the *ex parte* Motion is based and determines that the Applicant has presented exceptional circumstances that justify the request for an extension of time to file her application. The Motion shall be shared with the Respondent.

ORDERS

5. Having considered the Motion, the Tribunal hereby ORDERS:

- a. The Applicant's Motion for an extension of time to file a rejoinder to the reply is GRANTED.

- b. The rejoinder will be filed by **Tuesday, 6 May 2025**.
- c. The Registry will grant the Respondent access to the Motion.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 29th day of April 2025

Entered in the Register on this 29th day of April 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi