



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/090
Order No.: 225 (NBI/2025)
Date: 13 November 2025
Original: English

Before: Judge Sean Wallace

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Wanda L. Carter

NEGASA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Introduction

1. The Applicant was a Security Officer at the FS-5 level with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (“UNMISS”), based in Juba. On 27 August 2025, he filed this application challenging the administration’s decision to impose on him the disciplinary sanction of separation from service for serious misconduct following an investigation, and to place his name in the ClearCheck misconduct database.

2. The Respondent filed his reply, submitting that the contested decision was lawful. The Respondent also filed a separate motion to exceed the page limit, citing “the complexity of this appeal.”

Consideration

3. The Tribunal takes note that the Respondent’s reply is 13 pages, exclusive of the cover page. Further, the thirteenth page merely comprises the list of annexes and the counsels’ signature/certification.

4. Pursuant to Practice Direction No. 4, para. 30, neither the list of annexes nor the signature page is considered in the counting of the number of pages. Therefore, the Respondent’s reply exceeds the limit by two pages. The Tribunal considers that the Reply is succinct and does not contain patently unnecessary or redundant information, and that the information contained therein is germane to a full understanding of the Respondent’s argument.

5. Accordingly, the Tribunal, will grant the Respondent’s motion to exceed the page limit.

6. In view of the parties’ initial submissions, the Tribunal has decided to hold a case management discussion (“CMD”). The purpose of the CMD is to:

- a. Discuss and identify the claims and issues in the case;
- b. Order, as appropriate, the arrangements for a hearing on the merits of the case, including the identification of relevant witnesses, and documentary evidence; and

- c. Address any other matter(s) relating to the consideration and disposal of this case.

Conclusion

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

- a. The Respondent's motion to exceed the page limit is granted, and the 13-page application is accepted as submitted.
- b. On or before **Thursday, 27 November 2025**, the parties shall notify the Tribunal of their availability for a case management discussion to be held no later than Monday, 15 December 2025.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace

Dated this 13th day of November 2025

Entered in the Register on this 13th day of November 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi