



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

GABER

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON APPLICANT’S MOTION FOR
CONFIDENTIALITY OF
SUBMISSIONS MADE PURSUANT TO
ORDER NO. 217 (NBI/2025)**

Counsel for Applicant:
Self-Represented

Counsel for Respondent:
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Introduction

1. The Applicant serves as a Security Officer with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), a non-family duty station. He challenges the denial of an Education Grant for his (then) three-year-old son for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years. The Applicant's claim is premised on the contention that "compulsory education" begins at the age of three in his home country, Israel.
2. In Order No. 217 (NBI/2025) the Tribunal directed the Applicant to show "that Israeli law mandates compulsory schooling at the age of three."
3. In response, the Applicant filed communications from various people setting out their respective interpretations of "compulsory schooling" under Israeli law. The Applicant seeks to mark those documents as confidential and *ex parte* to protect the identities of these sources for fear of retaliation.

Consideration

4. The Tribunal will seal these documents in the record as confidential and *ex parte* on the basis of the Applicant's submissions.
5. The Tribunal has gleaned from the Applicant's submissions that compulsory education in the State of Israel is governed by legislation known as the 1949 Compulsory Education Law, as subsequently amended in 2009 and 2015. This law is what the Tribunal requires to determine this matter on the merits and what the Tribunal expected to receive in response to Order No. 217.

ORDERS

6. The Tribunal ORDERS:
 - a. The Applicant's Motion for Confidentiality is GRANTED;
 - b. The Registry is DIRECTED to mark the Applicant's submissions pursuant to Order No. 217 (NBI/2025) as *ex parte* and under seal;

c. The Applicant is DIRECTED to provide the Tribunal with a copy of the Compulsory Education Law (Act) of 1949 as amended in 2009, and 2015, by **Monday, 1 December 2025.**

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace (Duty Judge)

Dated this 21st day of November 2025

Entered in the Register on this 21st day of November 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi