



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2025/112
Order No.: 247 (NBI/2025)
Date: 1 December 2025
Original: English

Before: Judge Sean Wallace

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Wanda L. Carter

MUSUBAO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE RESPONDENT'S
MOTION TO EXCEED THE PAGE
LIMIT**

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Introduction and background

1. On 13 November 2025, the Respondent filed a motion requesting to exceed the page limit in filing his reply. The Respondent submits that the case involves “the submission of 23 false provider claims and the Applicant’s failure to cooperate with the duly authorized investigation.” The additional pages will enable the Respondent to present a comprehensive and complete picture of events surrounding the contested decision.

Considerations

2. The Tribunal agrees that the factual background is lengthy and that the ten-page limit prescribed in Practice Direction 4 may be inadequate to fully address the matters. However, it does appear that the Reply is overly lengthy and contains extensive quotes from the annexes in the record. It seems that the Respondent did not make efforts to be concise and direct.

3. However, the Tribunal notes that closing submissions have already been ordered. Denying the motion would only serve to delay disposition of the case.

Order

4. The Respondent’s motion to exceed the page limit in the reply is granted, and the Reply is accepted in its current form.

(Signed)

Judge Sean Wallace

Dated this 1st day of December 2025

Entered in the Register on this 1st day of December 2025

(Signed)

Wanda L. Carter, Registrar, Nairobi