

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2019/066

Order No.: 32 (NY/2020)
Date: 21 February 2020

Original: English

Before: Judge Joelle Adda

Registry: New York

Registrar: Nerea Suero Fontecha

GEEGBAE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

- 1. The Applicant, a former Administrative Assistant at the FS-4 level with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("MONUSCO"), contests the Administration's decision to terminate his fixed-term appointment. The application was initially filed with the Nairobi Registry.
- 2. On 19 July 2019, the case was transferred to the New York Registry, and on 17 February 2020, it was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

Consideration

- 3. The Applicant submits in the application that the Administration did not meet its obligations under staff rule 9.6(e) to make efforts to find a suitable post for him after his post was abolished. The Applicant refers to the well-established jurisprudence on termination of appointments. In a subsequent submission dated 23 February 2018, the Applicant submitted a list of posts he applied for (see Annex 19).
- 4. In the reply, the Respondent argues that the Applicant has not identified any suitable positions for which he applied and was not given priority consideration.
- 5. The Tribunal deems it appropriate to examine whether the Administration considered the Applicant's candidacies for different posts on a priority basis following the abolition of his post and the decision to terminate his fixed-term appointment.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

6. By **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 March 2020**, the Respondent shall submit the available documentation concerning the consideration of the Applicant's candidatures for vacant posts following the abolition of his post and the subsequent selection decisions, if any.

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7. The Tribunal will thereafter consider the information provided and give further case management directions.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 21st day of February 2020