

# UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2019/007

Order No.: 76 (NY/2020)
Date: 20 April 2020

Original: English

**Before:** Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr.

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Nerea Suero Fontecha

**RUSSO-GOT** 

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## **ORDER**

## ON CASE MANAGEMENT

**Counsel for Applicant:** 

Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:** 

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#### Introduction

- 1. By Order No. 63 (NY/2020) dated 6 April 2020, Tribunal ordered the Applicant to file a submission by 21 April 2020 on the receivability of the application, including by stating whether he was verbally notified of the non-renewal of his fixed-term appointment at a meeting on 25 October 2018.
- 2. On 20 April 2020, the Applicant filed the submission, arguing that his appeal against both contested administrative decisions, namely the abolishment of his post and the non-renewal of his fixed-term appointment, was receivable. In the Applicant's submission, he, *inter alia*, makes reference to "pieces of evidence" being "available" regarding the 25 October 2018 meeting, including some "meeting minutes" and "a voice memo" and questions the authority of the other meeting participants to "communicate" to him the decision regarding the abolishment of post and the separation letter dated 22 January 2019.

#### Consideration

- 3. As the parties disagree about the events and circumstances around the 25 October 2018 meeting, the Tribunal will allow them both to file a submission thereon to which all relevant evidence is to be appended. Subsequently, each party will be granted a final opportunity to comment on the other party's submissions on receivability and possible evidence.
- 4. In light of the above,

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

5. By **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 April 2020**, each party is to file a submission in which the events and circumstances around the 25 October 2018 meeting are explained, appending additional evidence as relevant;

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- 6. By **10:00 a.m. on Monday, 27 April 2020**, each party is to file a closing statement on the issue of receivability, which is to be four pages maximum, using Times New Roman, font 12 and 1.5 line spacing. The closing statement is solely to be based on previously filed pleadings and evidence, and no new pleadings or evidence are allowed at this stage;
- 7. Unless otherwise ordered, on receipt of the above-mentioned closing statements or at the expiration of the provided time limit, the Tribunal will adjudicate on the matter of receivability and deliver Judgment based on the papers filed on record.

(Signed)

Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr.

Dated this  $20^{th}$  day of April 2020