



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2019/079

Order No.: 142 (NY/2020)

Date: 30 September 2020

Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Joelle Adda

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Nerea Suero Fontecha

HUTCHINSON

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER**

**ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. On 30 September 2020, the Respondent filed a joint submission requesting suspension of proceedings for a period of 14 days pending discussions to resolve this matter amicably.

## **Consideration**

2. Article 10.1 of the Dispute Tribunal's Statute provides that "[t]he Dispute Tribunal may suspend proceedings in a case at the request of the parties for a time to be specified by it in writing".

3. Taking into consideration the parties' request to suspend the proceedings in order to amicably resolve the present case, the proceedings before the Tribunal and the deadline set forth in Order No. 140 (NY/2020) are suspended until 14 October 2020.

4. The Tribunal commends both parties for their good faith efforts aimed at resolving this case amicably. Such efforts should be encouraged as the amicable resolution of cases saves the Organization valuable resources.

## **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

5. The parties' joint request for suspension of the proceedings is granted and the proceedings before the Tribunal and the deadline set forth in Order No. 140 (NY/2020) are suspended until **14 October 2020**;

6. By **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 October 2020**, the parties are to inform the Tribunal as to the progress of the informal discussions and/or whether this case has been resolved. In the latter event, the Applicant shall confirm to the Tribunal, in

writing, that his application is withdrawn fully, finally and entirely, including on the merits.

7. In the event the parties fail to reach an amicable resolution, by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 October 2020**, the parties shall file:

a) their views concerning a judgment being rendered on the papers without an oral hearing providing detailed reasons if they think that an oral hearing is necessary; and

b) a submission stating if they request to produce, or request the opposing party to produce, any other written evidence, stating the relevance thereof.

*(Signed)*

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020