

**Before:** Judge Joelle Adda

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Nerea Suero Fontecha

#### RUYFFELAERE

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## **ORDER ON WITHDRAWAL**

**Counsel for Applicant:** Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:** Alan Gutman, ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

## Introduction

1. On 23 August 2017, the Applicant filed an application contesting the implied decision by the Administration not to formally respond to his request to establish a fact-finding panel pursuant to ST/SGB/2008/5 (Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, and abuse of authority).

2. On 14 May 2019, the Dispute Tribunal issued Judgment No. UNDT/2019/084 finding the application non-receivable. The Applicant then filed an appeal and, on 27 March 2020, the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, in Judgment No. 2020-UNAT-993, granted the Applicant's appeal and remanded the case to the Dispute Tribunal for a trial on the merits.

3. On 1 December 2020, the Applicant filed a motion for withdrawal advising the Tribunal that, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a confidential settlement agreement, the Applicant withdraws his application dated 23 August 2017.

4. The Tribunal commends the parties for their successful settlement negotiations.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

5. As the Applicant has withdrawn the application, there being no matter remaining for adjudication by the Dispute Tribunal, Case No. UNDT/NY/2017/086-R1 is hereby closed.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2020