



Before: Judge Joelle Adda
Registry: New York
Registrar: Nerea Suero Fontecha

POPKINS

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant:
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Counsel for Respondent:
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Introduction

1. At the Tribunal's direction, on 14 May 2021, the Respondent filed submissions in response to the Applicant's additional submissions of 23 March 2020 and 18 April 2021 supplementing the arguments laid out in the application.
2. The Applicant responded on 21 May 2021.

Consideration

3. The Respondent avers, in essence, that the 23 March 2020 submission is premature and, in any event, without merit. He further states that the 18 April 2021 submission is not properly before the Tribunal because it seeks to challenge a new administrative decision, which should have been submitted by means of a fresh application before the Tribunal.
4. He therefore requests, should the Tribunal find that the Applicant is entitled to amend the Application to challenge a new administrative decision, to be allowed to file a substantive reply to the 18 April 2021 submission.
5. Without delving into the receivability of the submissions, the Tribunal notes that in Order no. 69 (GVA/2019) of 23 September 2019, the Tribunal authorized the Applicant to file "at a later stage, any evidence contained in [the] investigation report [resulting from the Applicant's complaint of harassment] and produce written submissions in relation to that complaint".
6. In light thereof, the Tribunal finds it proper to allow the Respondent to file a response on the merits to the 18 April 2021 submission.
7. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. By **4:00 p.m. on Friday, 11 June 2021**, the Respondent may file a response on the merits to the Applicant's 18 April 2021 submissions;
9. By **4:00 p.m. on Friday, 18 June 2021**, the Applicant may respond to the above-referred submission from the Respondent. This submission shall not exceed two pages maximum, using Times New Roman, font 12 and 1.5 line spacing;
10. Unless otherwise instructed, the Tribunal will thereafter proceed to adjudicate this matter on the record before it.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 27th day of May 2021