



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2020/047

Order No.: 64 (NY/2021)

Date: 14 July 2021

Original: English

Before: Judge Joelle Adda

Registry: New York

Registrar: Nerea Suero Fontecha

BLYTHE

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON REFERRAL FOR MEDIATION

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Alan Gutman, ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. On 22 December 2020, the Applicant, a staff member in the Department of Management, Strategy, Policy and Compliance (“DMSPC”), appealed (a) the rejection of his candidature for the post of Secretary of the Board of the United Nations Joint Staff (“UNJSPF”), and (b) his subsequent reassignment to a temporary post in DMSPC.

2. On 21 January 2021, the Respondent replied stating that the application is partly non-receivable and, in any event, without merit.

3. By Order No. 63 (NY/2021) of 13 July 2021, the Tribunal afforded the Applicant the opportunity to submit a response to the Respondent’s reply by 2 August 2021.

4. On 14 July 2021, the parties filed a joint motion stating that they had agreed to engage in informal dispute resolution under the auspices of the Mediation Division of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services. The parties therefore request the Tribunal to refer the case to the Mediation Division and suspend the present proceedings for 30 calendar days.

Consideration

5. The Tribunal commends the parties on their efforts to resolve the matter amicably, and with reference to art. 15 of its Rules of Procedure, grants their joint request for referral to the Mediation Division.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

6. The present case is hereby referred to the Mediation Division;

7. The deadline for the Applicant’s response to the Respondent’s reply set in Order No. 63 (NY/2021) is hereby suspended;

8. In accordance with of art. 15 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, the present proceedings are suspended until **Monday, 16 August 2021**, on which date the parties are to inform the Tribunal whether the case has been resolved.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 14th day of July 2021