



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2022/001  
Order No.: 015 (NY/2023)  
Date: 24 February 2023  
Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Joelle Adda

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

PUMPYANSKAYA

V.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER  
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**

Robbie Leighton, OSLA

**Counsel for Respondent:**

Lucienne Pierre, AS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

## Introduction

1. By Order No. 006 (NY/2023) dated 7 February 2023, the Tribunal, *inter alia*, ordered:

**By 3 p.m. on Friday, 17 February 2023**, each party is to provide the Tribunal with an updated list of witness(es) to be called for the hearing indicating what disputed fact(s) each of these witnesses is to give testimony about, also setting out the proposed witness's testimony in writing. This written witness statement may also be adopted as the examination-in-chief at the hearing if the party leading the witness should wish to do so.

2. On 8 February 2023, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion requesting an extension of time to comply with the above-mentioned order, which was granted until 24 February 2023.

3. On 23 February 2023, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion informing the Tribunal that the Applicant had been placed on sick leave and requesting, *inter alia*, “a stay of proceedings until she recovers and is able to return to work”.

## Consideration

4. In his motion, Counsel for the Applicant informs the Tribunal that the Applicant suffers [ REDACTED ] and that she was placed on sick leave effective 9 February 2023. He points out that while the Applicant's current sick leave goes until 3 March 2023, her health condition remains uncertain which makes it difficult to request a specific period for the extension of time sought.

5. Her Counsel also states that the Applicant has serious concerns that engaging in the Tribunal process may [ REDACTED ] and is particularly concerned at the prospect of having to engage in a hearing during her sick leave or immediately after it.

6. Considering the Applicant's current health condition as shown in the medical records provided in support of her request, and in order to avoid a further deterioration of her condition, the Tribunal will exceptionally grant the motion under art. 19 of its Rules of Procedure.

7. However, the Applicant shall immediately inform the Tribunal when it becomes clear that she is able to return to work. The Tribunal will then issue relevant instructions for further case management.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The Applicant's motion for the suspension of the proceedings is granted.

9. The proceedings in the present matter are suspended until the Applicant's current health condition improves.

10. The Applicant shall immediately inform the Tribunal when it becomes clear that she is able to return to work.

*(Signed)*

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023