

Before: Duty Judge

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

SALON

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant: Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent: Tamal Mandal, AS/ALD/OHR/UN Secretariat Steven Dietrich, DAS/ALD/OHR/UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. The Applicant, a former staff member of the Office of Internal Oversight Services ("OIOS"), filed an application on 1 April 2024 alleging that "[1]ong-term harassment, abuse of authority, humiliation, and retaliation suffered during the last four years of [his] career [were] never resolved by [the] OIOS Under-Secretary-General".

2. On 11 April, the Respondent filed a motion requesting the Tribunal to: (a) dismiss the application as not receivable; and (b) suspend the Respondent's 1 May 2024 deadline to file a reply pending the Tribunal's determination of the issue of receivability.

3. On 12 April 2024, the Applicant filed a response opposing the Respondent's motion on receivability.

Considerations

4. In accordance with art. 19 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, for the fair and expeditious disposal of the case and to do justice to the parties, the Tribunal will grant the Respondent's motion to have the receivability of the application decided as a preliminary issue. Consequently, the deadline for filing the reply under art. 10.1 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure will be suspended.

5. The receivability of the application will be determined in due course by a Judge of the Tribunal to whom the case will be assigned.

6. In light of the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

7. The Respondent's motion to have the receivability of the application decided as a preliminary issue is granted;

8. The deadline for the Respondent to file his reply in accordance with art. 10.1 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure is suspended until the issue of receivability has been determined.

9. Unless otherwise ordered, after the case is assigned to a Judge, the Tribunal may decide on the issue of receivability based on the papers before it.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda Dated this 19th day of April 2024

Entered in the Register on this 19th day of April 2024

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York