



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2024/036
Order No.: 107 (NY/2024)
Date: 17 October 2024
Original: English

Before: Duty Judge
Registry: New York
Registrar: Isaac Endeley

WOOD

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

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Counsel for Respondent:

Lucienne Pierre, AS/ALD/OHR/UN Secretariat
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Introduction

1. By Order No. 100 (NY/2024) dated 3 October 2024, the Tribunal instructed the parties to “explore the possibility of resolving the dispute between them amicably or through the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services and revert to the Tribunal in this respect by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 17 October 2024”. The Tribunal also stated that in the event that the parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably, the Respondent shall file his reply by 31 October 2024.

2. On 17 October 2024, the parties filed a joint motion informing the Tribunal that “Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the Respondent have conferred and agree to attempt informal/amicable resolution”. Pursuant to art. 10.1 of the Statute of the Dispute Tribunal “and in the interest of judicial economy and efficiency”, the parties request a suspension of the proceedings in the present case for four weeks until 14 November 2024. They also request a two-week extension of the deadline for the filing of the Respondent’s reply from 31 October 2024 to 14 November 2024. Finally, the parties submit that the suspension of the proceedings and the extension of the deadline for the Respondent’s reply would not prejudice either party or unduly delay adjudication.

Considerations

3. Art. 10.1 of the Dispute Tribunal’s Statute provides that the Tribunal “may suspend proceedings in a case at the request of the parties for a time to be specified by it in writing”.

4. The Tribunal has considered the parties’ joint motion and agrees that it is in the interest of judicial economy and efficiency to allow them the opportunity to attempt informal or amicable resolution of the present dispute. Therefore, the Tribunal will grant the motion for a suspension of the proceedings and an extension of the deadline for the filing of the Respondent’s reply.

5. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

6. The parties' joint motion of 17 October 2024 is granted.
7. The proceedings before this Tribunal shall be **suspended until 14 November 2024** to allow the parties the opportunity to attempt informal or amicable resolution of the present dispute.
8. In the event that the parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably, the Respondent shall file his reply by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 14 November 2024**.
9. If a settlement agreement is reached before this deadline, the parties shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall confirm to this Tribunal, in writing, that her application is withdrawn.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 17th day of October 2024

Entered in the Register on this 17th day of October 2024

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York