



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

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Case No.: UNDT/NY/2024/001  
Order No.: 128 (NY/2024)  
Date: 23 December 2024  
Original: English

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**Before:** Judge Francis Belle

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

PHAKATHI

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER**

**ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**

Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**

Tamal Mandal, AS/ALD/OHR/UN Secretariat

## **Introduction**

1. On 14 January 2024, the Applicant, an Associate Programme Management Officer with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (“OHRLLS”) in New York, filed an application contesting the decision not to select him for a temporary job opening for the position of Programme Management Officer at the P-3 level in OHRLLS (the “Post”).

2. On 28 February 2024, the Respondent filed a reply arguing that the application has no merit as the contested decision was lawful. The Respondent submits that to the extent that the Applicant seeks to challenge an administrative decision other than the decision not to select him for the Post, the application is not receivable.

3. Pursuant to Order No. 046 (NY/2024) dated 12 April 2024, the Applicant filed a rejoinder to the Respondent’s reply on 17 May 2024.

4. On 25 October 2024, the case was assigned to the undersigned Judge.

## **Considerations**

5. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Dispute Tribunal, the Tribunal may at any time issue any order or give any direction which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious disposal of a case and to do justice to the parties.

6. Having examined the parties’ submissions, the Tribunal considers that it is fully briefed on the matter and is ready to adjudicate the case.

7. In light of the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. By **4:00 p.m. on Monday, 13 January 2025**, the parties are to file their respective closing statements, at a maximum length of five pages, using font Times New Roman, font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

9. Unless otherwise ordered, upon receipt of the above submissions or at the expiration of the deadline, the Tribunal will proceed to adjudicate the case on the papers before it.

*(Signed)*

Judge Francis Belle

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2024

Entered in the Register on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day December 2024

*(Signed)*

(For) Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York