



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2024/051
Order No.: 004 (NY/2025)
Date: 17 January 2025
Original: English

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

KHAMBATTA

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. On 26 December 2024, the Applicant, a former Programme Officer, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Strategic Support Team, Department of Operational Support, filed an application contesting “the Administration's decision to deny the extension of her loan to the World Food Programme (“WFP”)”.

2. On 13 January 2025, the Respondent filed a motion to have receivability determined as a preliminary matter and for the Tribunal to suspend the 27 January 2025 deadline for the Respondent’s reply. In his motion, the Respondent submitted that the application is not receivable on several grounds.

Considerations

3. 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.

4. Further case management directions, including relating to the Respondent’s motion to have receivability determined as a preliminary matter, will be given once the case is assigned to a Judge. The deadline for the Respondent’s reply will be suspended pending the Tribunal’s determination of the motion.

5. In light of the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

6. The deadline for the Respondent's reply is suspended pending the Tribunal's determination of the motion or as shall otherwise be advised by the Tribunal.

7. By **4:00 p.m. on Monday, 3 March 2025**, the Applicant is to file a rejoinder addressing the Respondent's submissions on receivability. This rejoinder is not to be longer than eight pages using Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.

8. Further case management directions will be given once the case is assigned to a Judge.

(Signed)

Judge Francis Belle

Dated this 17th day of January 2025

Entered in the Register on this 17th day January 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York