



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2025/009
Order No.: 053 (NY/2025)
Date: 5 June 2025
Original: English

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

OKETCH

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER

ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Counsel for Applicant:
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Counsel for Respondent:
Jérôme Blanchard, HRLU/UNOG

Introduction

1. On 10 March 2025, the Applicant, a Humanitarian Affairs Officer with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (“OCHA”) based in New York, filed an application in which he contests his non-selection for a temporary job opening (“TJO”) on the basis of his nationality.
2. On 17 March 2025, the Applicant filed a motion for leave to adduce evidence of his medical condition resulting from the non-selection decision. The motion and the related evidence were filed on an *ex parte* basis and were therefore not served on the Respondent.
3. On 9 April 2025, the Respondent filed his reply in which he contends that the application lacks merit and should be rejected. The reply has eight annexes, three of which are marked as *ex parte* and were not shared with the Applicant.
4. On 16 April 2025, the Applicant filed a motion for leave to file a rejoinder in order to address “elements contained in the Reply requiring a response”.
5. On 30 April 2025, the Applicant filed a rejoinder to the reply.

Considerations

6. 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.
7. Having reviewed the parties’ submissions, the Tribunal considers that it is in the interest of justice to grant the Applicant’s motion to file a rejoinder.
8. The Tribunal also takes note of the *ex parte* filings and will reserve that issue for the Judge of the Dispute Tribunal to whom the present case will be assigned in due course.
9. In light of the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

10. The Applicant's motion to file a rejoinder is granted.

11. The Judge of the Dispute Tribunal to whom the present case will be assigned will make a determination on the status of the parties' *ex parte* filings and will issue further directives for case management.

(Signed)

Judge Margaret Tibulya

Dated this 5th day of June 2025

Entered in the Register on this 5th day of June 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York