



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2025/024
Order No.: 083 (NY/2025)
Date: 24 September 2025
Original: English

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

RYDER

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER
ON REFERRAL FOR MEDIATION

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Introduction

1. On 18 July 2025, the Applicant filed an application contesting the decision to award him only partial reimbursement for the loss of personal effects incurred following the outbreak of the civil war in Sudan and his subsequent evacuation from his duty station.
2. The Respondent filed his reply on 18 August 2025.
3. By joint motion filed on 22 September 2025, the parties inform the Tribunal that they “intend to seek mediation in this case and request the Tribunal to refer to the case to the Office of the [United Nations] Ombudsman and Mediation Services” (“UNOMS”).
4. The parties also state that there are two other pending cases in which the “Applicants are contesting similar administrative decisions arising from the same incident” and they submit that they “have initiated preliminary dialogues and are committed to exploring informal resolution options in good faith”. Accordingly, they request a suspension of the present proceedings for a period of three months to allow them to pursue mediation.

Considerations

5. The Tribunal commends the parties on their efforts to resolve the matter amicably, and with reference to art. 15 of its Rules of Procedure, grants their joint request for referral to UNOMS.
6. In light of the above,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

7. The present case is referred to the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services (“UNOMS”).

8. Upon confirmation from UNOMS that the referral is accepted as per para. 7 of Practice Direction No. 3 (Mediation), the present proceedings will be suspended for a period of three months.

(Signed)

Judge Solomon Areda Waktolla

Dated this 24th day of September 2025

Entered in the Register on this 24th day of September 2025

(Signed)

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York