



Before: Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr.

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

BANAJ

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

George G. Irving

Counsel for Respondent:

Teresa Posse, UNDP

Introduction

1. By application filed on 15 January 2021, the Applicant, a staff member of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (“UNODC”), contests the decision to impose on her the disciplinary measure of demotion of one grade with deferment for one year of eligibility for consideration for promotion.
2. On 16 February 2021, the Respondent filed his reply.
3. By Order No. 5 (GVA/2021) of 18 January 2022, the Tribunal convoked the parties to a case management discussion (“CMD”). The CMD took place, as scheduled, on 18 January 2022, with Counsel for each party and the Applicant present. During the CMD, the Applicant requested to file further written submissions given the evolution of factual circumstances.
4. By Order No. 23 (GVA/2021) of 21 February 2022, the Tribunal granted the Applicant’s request ordering her to file an additional submission by 28 February 2022 and inviting the Respondent to respond to it by 10 March 2022.
5. On 25 February 2022, the Respondent filed a motion for extension of time until 14 April 2022 to respond to the Applicant’s additional submission.
6. On 28 February 2022, the Applicant filed her additional submission pursuant to Order No. 23 (GVA/2021). Therein, the Applicant provided no comments in relation to the Respondent’s motion.

Consideration

7. In support of his request, the Respondent submits, *inter alia*, that Counsel for the Respondent is currently on extended leave, which started on Monday, 21 February 2022, and will return to the office on Thursday, 17 March 2022; and that upon return from leave, Counsel for the Respondent has a six-day hearing with the Dispute Tribunal, which is scheduled from Wednesday, 23 March 2022 until Wednesday, 30 March 2022.

8. Having regard to the circumstances invoked by the Respondent and the need for fair and expeditious disposal of the case, the Tribunal considers it appropriate to grant an extension of time to the Respondent until **Monday, 4 April 2022**.

9. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

10. The Respondent shall file his response to the Applicant's additional submission dated 28 February 2022 by **Monday, 4 April 2022**.

(Signed)

Judge Alexander W. Hunter, Jr.
Dated this 2nd day of March 2022

Entered in the Register on this 2nd day of March 2022

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva