



**Before:** Duty Judge

**Registry:** Geneva

**Registrar:** René M. Vargas M.

PUHALOVIC

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER ON FURTHER  
SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS  
PENDING MEDIATION EFFORTS**

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### **Introduction**

1. By application filed on 25 October 2022, the Applicant contests the decision to reject her Appendix D claim.
2. By Order No. 110 (GVA/2022) of 18 November 2022, the deadline for the filing of the Respondent's reply was extended to 6 December 2022.
3. By Order No. 121 (GVA/2022) of 7 December 2022, the above-mentioned deadline was extended to 10 January 2023 as the parties were exploring settling the matter under the auspices of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services ("OMS").
4. By Order No. 2 (GVA/2023) of 11 January 2023, proceedings in this matter were suspended until 7 March 2023 pending mediation efforts between the parties.
5. By a joint motion filed on 10 March 2023, the parties seek a further suspension of the proceedings until 28 April 2023 to continue with their mediation efforts under the auspices of OMS.

### **Consideration**

6. Having considered the joint motion and guided by arts. 15.3, 15.4 and 15.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal finds that it is in the interest of justice to grant it.

### **Conclusion**

7. In view of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED THAT:
  - a. The proceedings before the Tribunal in this matter be further suspended during the parties' mediation discussions under the auspices of OMS until **Friday, 28 April 2023**;
  - b. If a mediation agreement is reached within this period, the parties or OMS shall inform the Tribunal accordingly without delay, and the Applicant shall confirm to the Tribunal, in writing, that her application is withdrawn; or

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c. If no settlement agreement can be reached within the prescribed period, the parties or OMS shall inform the Tribunal, and the Respondent shall file his reply by **Monday, 1 May 2023**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Teresa Bravo (Duty Judge)

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

Entered in the Register on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

*(Signed)*

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva