

**Before:** Judge Margaret Tibulya

Registry: Geneva

Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

### CASTRO FIGUEREDO

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

**Counsel for Applicant:** 

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## **Counsel for Respondent:**

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Case No. UNDT/GVA/2022/017 Order No. 60 (GVA/2023)

#### Introduction

1. On 29 October 2021, the Applicant's request for education grant in relation to his son was rejected.

2. On 12 November 2021, the Applicant requested management evaluation of the aforementioned decision, which was upheld by the Administration by letter dated 9 March 2022.

3. On 24 May 2022, the Applicant filed the instant application.

4. On 24 June 2022, the Respondent filed his reply.

5. On 20 July 2022, the Respondent filed a motion for leave to file additional evidence.

6. On 22 July 2022, the Applicant filed his opposition to the Respondent's motion.

7. On 4 August 2022, the Respondent filed a second motion requesting leave to file additional evidence in response to the Applicant's opposition to his motion dated 20 July 2022.

8. On 8 August 2022, the Applicant filed a second motion opposing to the Respondent's submissions.

9. By notification dated 7 June 2023, the Tribunal ruled on the Respondent's motions dated 20 July and 4 August 2022, allowing the additional evidence into the record, and invited the parties to attend a Case Management Discussion ("CMD") on Wednesday, 14 June 2023. In addition, the Applicant was instructed to file a rejoinder, if any, by 14 June 2023 at noon Geneva time.

10. On 14 June 2023, the parties attended the CMD, held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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#### Consideration

11. At the CMD, the parties informed the Judge that they had met priorly to discuss amicable settlement, but that no agreement was reached. Furthermore, they agreed that the case could be determined based on the papers, and requested an opportunity to file closing submissions before it moves to adjudication.

#### Conclusion

12. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT the parties file closing submissions by **Friday**, 7 **July 2023**.

(*Signed*) Judge Margaret Tibulya Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023

Entered in the Register on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 (*Signed*) René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva