



Before: Duty Judge
Registry: Geneva
Registrar: René M. Vargas M.

SUAREZ LIST

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:
Robbie Leighton, OSLA

Counsel for Respondent:
Adrien Meubus, HRLU, UNOG

Introduction

1. The Applicant contests the decision not to grant him a continuing appointment after his probationary period as language staff.
2. On 11 August 2023, the Respondent filed his reply *inter alia* challenging the receivability of the application.
3. By Order No. 132 (GVA/2023), the Tribunal instructed:
 - a. The Applicant to file a rejoinder by 2 November 2023; and
 - b. The parties to revert to it by 10 November 2023 concerning possible amicable settlement of the dispute.
4. By motion dated 31 October 2023, the Applicant requested an extension of the deadline to file his rejoinder.

Consideration

5. In support of his motion, Counsel for the Applicant advances that he has not been able to get instructions from the Applicant about the content of the Respondent's reply and new evidence therein. Counsel for the Applicant also states that the lack of feedback from his client may be due to the latter being on sick leave.
6. Having considered the arguments of Counsel for the Applicant, the Tribunal finds that it is in the interest of justice to grant the motion. Bearing in mind the circumstances described by Counsel for the Applicant, the Tribunal also finds it pertinent to extend the deadline for the parties to revert to it concerning their efforts to explore an amicable resolution of the dispute.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, it is ORDERED THAT:
 - a. The deadline for the Applicant to file a rejoinder is extended to **Thursday, 16 November 2023**; and

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b. The deadline for the parties to revert to the Tribunal concerning resolving the dispute amicably is extended to **Friday, 1 December 2023**.

(Signed)

Judge Sun Xiangzhuang (Duty Judge)

Dated this 1st day of November 2023

Entered in the Register on this 1st day of November 2023

(Signed)

René M. Vargas M., Registrar, Geneva