Case No.: UNDT/NY/2022/003 Order No.: 016 (NY/2023)

Date: 24 February 2023

Original: English

Before: Judge Joelle Adda

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

PUMPYANSKAYA

V.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON CASE MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

1. By Order No. 007 (NY/2023) dated 8 February 2023, the Tribunal, *inter alia*, ordered:

By 3 p.m. on Friday, 17 February 2023, each party is to provide the Tribunal with an updated list of witness(es) to be called for the hearing indicating what disputed fact(s) each of these witnesses is to give testimony about, also setting out the proposed witness's testimony in writing. This written witness statement may also be adopted as the examination-in-chief at the hearing if the party leading the witness should wish to do so.

- 2. On 9 February 2023, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion requesting an extension of time to comply with the above-mentioned order, which was granted until 24 February 2023.
- 3. On 23 February 2023, Counsel for the Applicant filed a motion informing the Tribunal that the Applicant had been placed on sick leave and requesting, *inter alia*, "a stay of proceedings until she recovers and is able to return to work".

Consideration

- 4. In his motion, Counsel for the Applicant informs the Tribunal that the Applicant suffers [REDACTED] and that she was placed on sick leave effective 9 February 2023. He points out that while the Applicant's current sick leave goes until 3 March 2023, her health condition remains uncertain which makes it difficult to request a specific period for the extension of time sought.
- 5. Her Counsel also states that the Applicant has serious concerns that engaging in the Tribunal process may **[REDACTED]** and is particularly concerned at the prospect of having to engage in a hearing during her sick leave or immediately after it.

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6. Considering the Applicant's current health condition as shown in the medical

records provided in support of her request, and in order to avoid a further deterioration

of her condition, the Tribunal will exceptionally grant the motion under art. 19 of its

Rules of Procedure.

7. However, the Applicant shall immediately inform the Tribunal when it

becomes clear that she is able to return to work. The Tribunal will then issue relevant

instructions for further case management.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The Applicant's motion for the suspension of the proceedings is granted.

9. The proceedings in the present matter are suspended until the Applicant's

current health condition improves.

10. The Applicant shall immediately inform the Tribunal when it becomes clear

that she is able to return to work.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 24th day of February 2023

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