



Before: Duty Judge

Registry: New York

Registrar: Isaac Endeley

NAVAS CASTILLO

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER
ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

Counsel for Applicant:

Self-represented

Counsel for Respondent:

Isavella Maria Vasilogeorgi, DAS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

Introduction

1. By application filed on 13 October 2022, the Applicant, a former staff member of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (“UNVMC”), contests the decision to impose on him the disciplinary measure of separation from service, with compensation in lieu of notice and with termination indemnity.

2. On 15 November 2022, the Respondent filed a reply urging the Tribunal to reject the application. The Respondent also requests permission to exceed the page limit for the reply due to the factual complexity of the case.

Consideration

3. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Dispute Tribunal, the Tribunal may at any time issue an order or give any direction which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious disposal of a case and to do justice to the parties.

4. In view of the factual complexity of the case, the Tribunal is inclined to grant the Respondent’s request to exceed the page limit for the reply. The Tribunal notes that the application exceeded the page limit as well, and decides to accept it, although the Applicant did not expressly request permission to exceed the page limit for his application.

5. Having taken into consideration the pleadings of the parties, the Tribunal has concluded that the Applicant should be given an opportunity to respond to the Respondent’s reply.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

By 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 May 2023, the Applicant shall file a rejoinder to the Respondent’s reply and state whether he wishes to adduce any further evidence. The submission shall not exceed five pages, using Times New Roman, font 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

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6. The Respondent's request to exceed the page limit for his reply is granted.
The Applicant is also authorized to exceed the page limit for his application.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda, Duty Judge

Dated this 3rd day of May 2023