

## UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2022/060

Order No.: 67 (NY/2023)
Date: 3 August 2023

Original: English

**Before:** Judge Joelle Adda

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

### **APPLICANT**

v.

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## ORDER ON WITHDRAWAL

## **Counsel for Applicant:**

Self-represented

## **Counsel for Respondent:**

Yun Hwa Ko, Legal Specialist, UNFPA

#### Introduction

- 1. Following the parties' request for a suspension of the proceedings filed on 7 July, the Tribunal, via Order No. 052 (NY/2023) dated 10 July 2023, referred the case to the Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programmes ("Office of the Ombudsman") and suspended the proceeding until 21 July 2023.
- 2. By email of 18 July 2023, the Office of the Ombudsman informed the Tribunal that the case had been settled in mediation.
- 3. On 26 July 2023, the Applicant filed a motion to withdraw the application following the Tribunal's instructions as per email of 24 July 2023 from the Registry.

#### Consideration

- 4. In the Applicant's 26 July 2023 motion for withdrawal, in addition to withdrawing his application, he also requests his "name, or any identifying details, to be anonymized from the Tribunal's public records".
- 5. Considering that the present case was settled informally between the parties, the Tribunal will order all written Orders of the present case, which have been published on the Dispute Tribunal's website, to be anonymized. In this regard, the Tribunal observes that since establishing the current internal justice system, the General Assembly has consistently recognized the importance of informal conflict resolution as "a crucial element of the system of administration of justice", and emphasized that "all possible use should be made of the informal system in order to avoid unnecessary litigation" (see para. 11 of General Assembly resolution 61/261 (Administration of justice at the United Nations) of 4 April 2007).
- 6. The Tribunal further notes that in accordance with art. 6 of Practice Direction No. 5 (filing of motions and responses), "[u]nless otherwise directed by the Tribunal, a response to a motion filed by a party shall be filed within five working days of

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service of the motion on that party". Five working days have now passed since the Applicant's motion for withdrawal was served on the Respondent, who has not filed any objection to this motion.

7. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and for a fair disposal of the case,

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 8. The Applicant's name is to be anonymized on all written Orders of the present case, which have been published on the Dispute Tribunal's website;
- 9. As the Applicant has withdrawn the application, there being no matter remaining for adjudication by the Dispute Tribunal, Case No. UNDT/NY/2022/060 is hereby closed.

(Signed)

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Entered in the Register on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023 (*Signed*)
Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York