



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NY/2023/034  
Order No.: 126 (NY/2023)  
Date: 3 November 2023  
Original: English

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**Before:** Duty Judge  
**Registry:** New York  
**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

MARTENS

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER**  
**ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

1. On 13 October 2023, the Applicant, a Human Resources Assistant at United Nations Headquarters in New York, filed an application in which she “seeks to challenge the administration’s decision dated 08 June 2023 not to reimburse her the US Income Tax for the years 2019-2020”. The application was served on the Respondent on the same date, with instructions to file a reply by 13 November 2023 pursuant to art. 10 of the Dispute Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure.

2. On 2 November 2023, Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the Respondent filed a joint motion requesting “a suspension of proceedings for 60 days, to enable settlement discussions”. The parties also request that, in the event that the settlement discussions are unsuccessful, the Tribunal may set the deadline for the Respondent to file a reply on 12 January 2024.

## **Considerations**

3. The Tribunal commends the parties for their efforts to resolve the matter amicably and grants their joint motion for a suspension of the proceedings for a period of 60 days.

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

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

5. The present proceedings shall be suspended for **60 calendar days, until Tuesday, 2 January 2024.**

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6. In the event that the parties are unable to reach a settlement in this case, the Respondent shall file a reply to the application by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 January 2024**.

*(Signed)*

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023

Entered in the Register on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023

*(Signed)*

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York