3. The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that "a party may withdraw an appeal simply by giving notice and need not necessarily provide any further justification". We have applied the same rationale to grant a party's request to withdraw a claim raised on appeal.²

4. For the foregoing reason, the Respondent's motion for leave to amend the answer brief by withdrawing Part III (Preliminary Issue) from the answer brief should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent's motion for leave to amend the answer brief IS GRANTED, and Part III (Preliminary Issue), paragraphs 7 through 9, are hereby stricken.

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Dated this 15th day of October 2014 in New York, United States.

(Signed) **Judge Rosalyn Chapman**

Entered in the Register on this 15th day of October 2014 in New York, United States.

(Signed) Weicheng Lin, Registrar

¹ See Amar v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Order No. 73 (2011), quoting Perrot-Maître v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Order No. 69 (2011); Fayek v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Order No. 34 (2011).

² Hunt-Matthes v. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Order No. 167 (2014).