



Case No. 2017-1085

King

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Respondent)

Order No. 295 (2017)

1. Mr. Prince E. King is a national of Sierra Leone. On 26 January 1998, he joined the Organization on initial recruitment at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and worked there until 7 March 1999. During that time, Mr. King held a G-4 visa.¹

2. Effective 21 July 1999, Mr. King was reappointed to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and was subsequently reassigned to various peacekeeping missions around the world, including the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), where he worked from 8 March 2008 until 31 August 2014, when he reached the mandatory retirement age.

3. As part of his separation formalities, Mr. King asked the UNAMID Administration to repatriate him to New York and to issue him a letter requesting the issuance of a G-4 visa to facilitate his entry into the United States. However, the UNAMID Administration advised Mr. King that while it was willing to pay for his repatriation travel to New York, it was not in a position to provide him with any letter requesting the assistance of the U.S. government in issuing him a G-4 visa, because he

¹ According to the website hosted by the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State: "To receive a ... G-4 visa, you must be traveling to attend meetings at, visit, or work at a designated international organization". G-4 visas are issued to "[i]ndividuals coming to the United States to take up an appointment at a designated international organization, including the United Nations, and their immediate family members".

was not assigned to work in the United States nor was he travelling to the United States for official business.

4. Mr. King appealed the refusal to provide him with a letter for a G-4 visa. In Judgment on Receivability dated 27 April 2016, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) dismissed Mr. King's application as not receivable both *ratione temporis* and *ratione materiae*.

5. Approximately 14 months later, on 16 June 2017, Mr. King filed with the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal) an appeal of the UNDT Judgment on Receivability. He

9. Therefore, Mr. King's motion for relief should be rejected.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. King's motion for relief pending proceedings is REJECTED .

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated 11th day of August 2017 in Port of Spain,
Trinidad & Tobago.

(Signed)
Deborah Thomas-Felix
President

Entered in the Register on this 11th day of
August 2017 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar