## UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2022-1666

#### Elena Korotaeva

(Appellant)

V

## **Secretary-General**

# of the World Meteorological Organization (Respondent)

### ORDER No. 461 (2022)

- 1. On 22 December 2021, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (Dispute Tribunal or UNDT) in Geneva issued Judgment No. UNDT/2021/158 in the matter of *Elena Korotaeva* (Appellant) v. the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (Respondent) in which the UNDT dismissed an application contesting the decision not to pay Ms. Korotaeva termination indemnities upon separation from service due to abolition of post.
- 2. On 15 February 2022, Ms. Korotaeva filed an appeal against the UNDT Judgment with the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal). On 7 March 2022, the Secretary-General of the WMO filed his answer.
- 3. On 15 March 2022, Ms. Korotaeva filed a motion for leave to have additional pleadings admitted before the Appeals Tribunal. She wishes to file a response to the Respondent's answer since the Respondent acknowledges in his answer for the first time that he "inadvertently submitted to the UNDT" an "erroneous version of Staff Regulations and Rules for 2020" when the applicable WMO rules were those from 2019 and yet argues that the outcome would have been the same even if the 2019 WMO rules were applied in the impugned Judgment. Since these are new claims, Ms. Korotaeva requests the Appeals Tribunal to allow her to file an additional pleading to respond to these new claims raised by the Respondent. On 21 March 2022, the Secretary-General of the WMO filed his observations submitting that Ms. Korotaeva's motion should be rejected. He argues

