

UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2010/053/R1

Order No.: 096 (NBI/2018)

Date: 4 June 2018

Original: English

Before: Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

HUNT-MATTHES

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ORDER ON VJG"CRRNKECPVøU"OQVKQP" TO DISCONTINUE AND WITHDRAW PROCEEDINGS

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Procedural background

- 1. The Applicant is a former staff member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She filed an appeal with the former United Nations Administrative Tribunal (former UNAT) challenging UNHCR's decision to not renew her fixed-term appointment.
- 2. On 1 January 2010, the case was transferred to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in accordance with ST/SGB/2009/11 (Transitional measures related to the introduction of the new system of administration of justice). The proceedings took place before the UNDT in Nairobi, resulting in Judgment No. UNDT/2013/084 dated 28 May 2013. On appeal the case was remanded for a hearing *de novo* before a different judge. Subsequently, the proceedings were stayed for a year, pending mediation. Following the parties' failure to resolve the dispute through mediation, case management discussions were held where the Tribunal explored whether there were prospects of a settlement between the parties, at the time answered in a negative. Having heard submissions on receivability and evidence, the Tribunal scheduled a hearing to take place during the period from 28 May to 7 June 2018 at the UNDT seat in Geneva.
- 3. The Tribunal commenced hearing the application on 28 May 2018. During the hearing, the Tribunal again suggested that the parties should consider resolving this dispute informally and, on 29 May 2018 at their request, adjourned the proceedings to allow them time to do so. On 31 May 2018, a management conference was held in which the parties confirmed that they had reached a settlement agreement and wished to have it appended to the Tribunal's order on discontinuance of the proceedings.
- 4. On 1 June 2018, the Applicant filed a "M Appl MApplican,