
UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2020/063

Order No.: 161 (NBI/2020)

Date: 31 August 2020

Original: English

Before: Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Abena Kwak ET Qe

Introduction

1. By application filed on 11 August 2020, the Applicant, a Security Officer (FS-5), working with United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, challenges the decision not to renew his fixed-term appointment beyond 30 June 2020.

2. The application was served on the Respondent on 18 August 2020 and he has until 17 September 2020 to submit a reply.

3. By motion filed on 27 August 2020, the Respondent requests an order from the Tribunal directing the Applicant to file an application that complies with paragraph 6 of Practice Direction No. 4 (Filing of Applications and Replies). The Respondent also requests the Tribunal to re-set the deadline for him to file a reply to 30 days from the service of a conforming application.

4. On 27 August 2020, Tribunal availed the motion to the Applicant, directing him to provide his observations, if any, by 1 September 2020. The Applicant complied and filed his observations on 29 August 2020.

Considerations

5. Paragraph 6 of UNDT Practice Direction No. 4 stipulates that the “application should not exceed 10 pages, in font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing of 1.5 lines”.

6. The current application contains 19 pages and the Applicant has supplemented the application with voluminous annexes.

7. The Respondent takes issue with the fact that the Applicant did not respect the page limit set forth in Practice Direction No. 4, did not seek leave to exceed the pages, nor did he provide any justification for non-compliance.

Entered in the Register on this 31st day of August 2020

(Signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi