

Before: Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Registry: Nairobi

Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

YAZBEK

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**ORDER ON THE RESPONDENT'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE A REPLY**

Counsel for the Applicant:
Self-represented

Counsel for the Respondent:

Introduction

1. By an application filed on 10 March 2021, the Applicant contests the United Nations Development Programme's ("UNDP") decision not to renew his fixed-term appointment based on performance issues.¹
2. On 19 March 2021, the Registry served the application on the Respondent with a deadline for his reply set to Monday, 19 April 2021.
3. On 24 March 2021, the Respondent filed a motion for extension of time to file his reply until 3 May 2021. The reasons given in support of the motion are that the Respondent's Counsel of record who has been advising UNDP on this matter to date, will be on a pre-planned annual leave between 7-17 April 2021. During this period, the Counsel will be abroad and will have limited connectivity that may make it difficult for her to finalize the Respondent's submissions.
4. The Respondent further submits that due to the workload and the fact that the Counsel of record has previously handled this case, it will be difficult for this case to be handled by another Legal Specialist in the UNDP legal office.

Considerations

5. Pursuant to art. 35 of the Dispute Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, the Tribunal may extend a time-limit fixed by these rules when the interests of justice so require.
6. Having considered the Respondent's reasons in support of his motion, the Tribunal finds it appropriate and in the interests of justice to grant the requested extension of time to submit a reply.

ORDER

7. The Respondent shall submit his reply by **Monday, 3 May 2021**.

¹ Application, section V.

(Signed)

Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart

Dated this 25th day of March 2021

Entered in the Register on this 25th day of March 2021

(Signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi