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Case No.: UNDT/NBI/2022/026
Order No.: 083 (NBI/2023)
Date: 18 May 2023
Original: English
Before: Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart
Registry: Nairobi
Registrar: Abena Kwakye-Berko

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Introduction
1. The Applicant is a former staff member of the United Nations Economic and
Social Commission for Western Asia (“ESCWA”), based in Beirut, Lebanon.1
 Prior to
this application, he was serving as a Senior Advisor on Innovation and Technology, at
the D-1 level. He served on a permanent appointment.2
 He commenced his retirement
effective 1 September 2022.3
2. By an application filed on 7 March 2022, the Applicant challenges a decision
of the Executive Secretary of ESCWA to reassign him from the former position that he
encumbered as D-1 Chief of Statistics to the position of D-1 Senior Advisor on
Innovation and Technology, effective 21 September 2021.4
 However, as reflected in
subsequent submissions by the parties, the contested decision has become moot and
the matter is now about compensation.
3. The Respondent filed a reply on 7 April 2022 in which it is argued that the
contested decision was legal, rational, and procedurally correct.5

ORDERS
4. The hearing in the matter of Riecan v. The Secretary-General of the United
Nations shall be held from 24-25 May 2023. On Wednesday 24 May 2023, the hearing
will commence at 9.00 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m.; while on Thursday 25 May 2023, the
hearing will commence at 10.00 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m., Nairobi time (GMT+3) via
Microsoft Teams. The Registry will provide a link to access the meeting. The hearing
will be open to the public.
5. It is the responsibility of the Applicant and the Respondent to ensure the 1
 Application, section I.
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 Ibid.
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 Applicant’s submission during the case management discussion held on 17 October 2022.
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 Application, section VII.
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 Reply, para. 2.

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availability of the witnesses at the hearing.
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