UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

Case No.:

UNDT/NBI/2023/074

Order No.:

153 (NBI/2023)

Date:

3 October 2023

Original:

English

Before:

Judge Sean Wallace

Registry:

Nairobi

Registrar:

Eric Muli, Officer-in-Charge

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Counsel for the Applicant:

Jason Biafore, OSLA

Counsel for the Respondent:

DAS/ALD/OHR, UN Secretariat

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stages of bona fide settlement discussions with the objective being to avoid litigation

of this matter before the Tribunal; and there was an unavoidable late change of counsel

within the Office of Staff Legal Assistance ("OSLA"), whereby the Applicant's legal

representation would be compromised, and the Applicant thereby prejudiced without

an extension of time to file.

6. As the parties are engaged in *bona fide* settlement discussions to avoid litigation

of this matter before the Tribunal, granting his motion would contribute to a

satisfactory resolution of this matter without recourse to litigation.

7. The Tribunal agrees with the Applicant that requiring a complete application at

this time could result in "the hardening of positions between the Parties and thereby

undermine the bona fide efforts at informal resolution, or otherwise prejudice the

Applicant's litigation posture".

8. The Tribunal find the reasons advanced by the Applicant to be exceptional as

required by art. 8.3 of the Statute.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

9. The motion for an extension of time to file an application until 1 November

2023 is granted.

(Signed)

Judge Sean W6792 reW*n[ge)4()(pti)-99

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