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Introduction

1. On 17 October 2022, the Applicant, a former staff member of the United Nations Office for Project Services ("UNOPS"), filed an application contesting the decision on the abolishment of her post and the non-renewal of her fixed-term appointment.

2. On 17 November 2022, the Respondent filed a reply urging the Tribunal to dismiss the application.

Consideration

3. Pursuant to art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Dispute Tribunal, the Tribunal may at any time issue an order or give any direction which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious disposal of a case and to do justice to the parties.

- 4. The Tribunal notes that in filing their respective submissions, both parties have, without prior authorization, exceeded the page limits set out in the *Practice Direction on Filing of Applications and Replies*. However, given the seriousness of the issues involved, the Tribunal has decided to accept the filings.
- 5. Having taken into consideration the pleadings of the parties, the Tribunal has concluded that the Applicant should be given an opportunity to respond to the Respondent's reply.