



UNITED NATIONS DISPUTE TRIBUNAL

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Case No.: UNDT/NY/2022/060  
Order No.: 046 (NY/2023)  
Date: 22 June 2023  
Original: English

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**Before:** Duty Judge  
**Registry:** New York  
**Registrar:** Isaac Endeley

APPLICANT

v.

SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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**ORDER**

**ON CASE MANAGEMENT**

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**Counsel for Applicant:**  
Self-represented

**Counsel for Respondent:**  
Yun Hwa Ko, Legal Specialist, UNFPA

Note: This order has been corrected in accordance with Order No. 067 (NY/2023).

## **Introduction**

1. On 21 December 2022, the Applicant, an Investigation Specialist with the United Nations Population Fund (“UNFPA”) filed an application in which he contests the “[r]efusal to approve and support [his] training proposal as part of [his] professional learning and development”.

2. On 11 January 2023, the Respondent filed his reply in which he contends that the application is without merit.

## **Consideration**

3. The General Assembly has repeatedly reaffirmed that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice. Having considered the issues arising in this case, the Tribunal is of the view that the case may be amenable to informal and amicable resolution. The Tribunal therefore considers it appropriate to provide the parties with an opportunity to resolve the case informally.

4. Accordingly, the nd development

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

7. The Applicant and Counsel for the Respondent are to discuss the possibility of resolving the matters of the present case informally.

8. By **4:00 p.m. on Friday, 7 July 2023**, the parties shall file a jointly-signed statement informing the Tribunal whether they agree to attempt informal resolution. If so, they are to request a suspension of the proceedings.

9. If the parties do not agree to attempt informal resolution, by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, 31 July 2023**, the Applicant shall file a rejoinder to the Respondent's reply. The submission shall not exceed five pages, using Times New Roman, font 12 and 1.5 line spacing. Unless otherwise ordered, the Tribunal will thereafter adjudicate on the matters before it and deliver judgment based on the papers filed on record.

*(Signed)*

Judge Joelle Adda

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2023

Entered in the Register on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2023

*(Signed)*

Isaac Endeley, Registrar, New York