Mohammad Saeed Almasri

(Appellant)

v.

Secretary-General of the United Nations (Respondent)

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- 4. As noted, the UNDT's Judgment was issued on 29 July 2022. I assume it was sent promptly by the UNDT to Mr. Almasri's lawyer at the Office of Staff Legal Assistance (OSLA). Mr. Almasri says that he was not advised of the Judgment until 7 September 2022, that is some 5 weeks after it was probably received by OSLA.
- 5. The 60-day period for filing an appeal expired at or about the end of September. So it will be seen that the delay in Mr. Almasri's personal receipt of the UNDT's Judgment occupied more than half of that appeal period.
- 6. Although his application is explained only minimally, Mr. Almasri is now unrepresented and, by his account, the delay in receiving the UNDT Judgment is extraordinary. It is difficult to imagine how the Secretary-General may be prejudiced by allowing an extension of time for Mr. Almasri to appeal.
- 7. In all these circumstances, I am satisfied that the statutory test for extension of time has been established and that it is in the interests of justice to extend the appeal period to enable Mr. Almasri to file his own appeal. The appeal period will be extended to 1 December 2022 (New York Time) by which date Mr. Almasri will have had to file his intendedw [f)1.9 (o)9.4 (r)-11.18.005 Tw -3o(d)-6.1 (p)-9.1 (e)-10.1 (al)-0.6 ()10.6 (pe)0.8 (ui)0.5 (tc 0 Tw 4.000).