

Case No. UNDT/NBI/2014/057

Order No.: 161 (NBI/2015)

**Introduction and Procedural History** 

1. The Applicant holds a fixed-term appointment with the United Nations. He is

currently a Logistics Officer at the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission

in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). He serves at the P3 level

and is based in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. On 2 July 2014, the Applicant filed an Application with the United Nations

Dispute Tribunal in Nairobi challenging the decision denying him the lump-sum

relocation grant for the shipment of his personal effects on being reassigned from

Kinshasa to Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2014.

3. The Respondent replied to the Application on 5 August 2014.

4. The Applicant filed his comments in response to the Respondent's Reply on

11 August 2014.

5. The Tribunal held a case management hearing in this matter on 18 February

2015 during the course of which the Tribunal urged the Parties to consider informal

resolution of the dispute. The Parties were given 14 days to jointly advise the

Tribunal of the likelihood of this matter being settled.

6. On 20 March 2015, the Parties filed a motion seeking additional time for their

ongoing informal settlement discussions.

7. On 23 March 2015, the Tribunal issued Order No. 092 (NBI/2015) granting

the motion.

8. On 29 April 2015, the Parties jointly informed the Tribunal that the informal

discussions have failed to resolve the dispute between them and requested that the

matter proceed before the Tribunal.

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## **DIRECTIONS**

9. For the purposes of fair and expeditious management of this case, the following **ORDERS** are made:

## By 15 June 2015, the PARTIES are to JOINTLY:

- a) file a concise statement of facts, **agreed and disputed**, listed in chronological order;
- b) identify the legal issues, arising from those facts, for determination by the Tribunal;
- c) notify the Tribunal if they intend to submit additional documents, further to that already filed, indicating the relevance of same as evidence for this court to consider;
- d) notify the Tribunal of any disclosure issues that may need to be decided upon;
- e) advise the Tribunal if they wish to have this matter set down for an oral hearing on the merits or if they are amenable to the matter being decided on the papers.
- 10. The Tribunal further

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(Signed)

Judge Vinod Boolell

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

Entered in the Register on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

(Signed)

Abena Kwakye-Berko, Registrar, Nairobi