

Introduction

1. The Applicant was appointed Chief of Staff in the Office of the Executive Secretary (ES) in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). He serves at the D1 level on a fixed term appointment.

2. On 24 September 2015, the Registry of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) in Nairobi received the Applicant's application for suspension of action, challenging the Respondent's decision to "strip him of his core functions as Chief of Staff". The Applicant contends that the impugned decision is inconsistent with the United Nations Staff Regulations and Rules as well as with the jurisprudence of the UNDT.

3. On 1 October 2015, the Applicant filed a motion to withdraw his request for interim measures "pursuant to the terms and conditions of a recently concluded interim settlement between the Parties".

4. The Tribunal issued Order No. 310 (NBI/2015) on the same day, granting the Applicant's motion and striking the matter off the court's docket.

5. On 3 November 2015, the Applicant filed a substantive Application pursuant to art. 2.1.c of the UNDT Statute and an Application for Suspension of Action pursuant to art. 14 of the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant is challenging the Respondent's decision to "not comply with the intent, letter and spirit of the Settlement Agreement reached on 1 October 2015 through mediation".

6. Both Applications were served on the Respondent on the same day. The Respondent was directed to file his Reply to the motion for interim relief by 4 November 2015.

7. On 4 November 2015, the Tribunal received the Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time.

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