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**Before:** Judge Goolam Meeran

**Registry:** New York

**Registrar:** Hafida Lahiouel

#### SMITH

v.

#### SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## **ORDER**

## **ON SUSPENSION OF ACTION**

**Counsel for Applicant:** Jiries Saadeh, OSLA

**Counsel for Respondent:** ALS/OHRM, UN Secretariat

12. As a current staff member with a continuing appointment and one who is on a roster for such a position, the Applicant is eligible to apply for such a post absent a cogent reason why he should not. The rather curt reply provides no explanation as to why the restriction of the temporary job opening is to UNMISS staff only.

13. The Applicant is a staff member at the Department of Field Support in New York. It would appear that the Human Resources Officer may have mistakenly read the note quoted at para. 3 to mean that the temporary job opening is restricted to candidates already based at the duty station when in fact such a restriction would only

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- 16. The request for suspension of action is granted.
- 17. The impugned decision is suspended pending management evaluation.

(Signed)

Judge Goolam Meeran

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