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## Introduction

The Dispute Tribunal shall consider an application for interim measures within five working days of the service of the application on the respondent.

6. In *Villamorán* 2011-UNAT-160, the Appeals Tribunal upheld this Tribunal's *Villamorán* Order No. 171 (NY/2011) finding that the Dispute Tribunal was within its competence to order a suspension of the contested decision pending a determination of the application for suspension of action on the basis of the aforesaid Rules of Procedure and without having to make a finding as to whether the requirements of a suspension of action under 22 of the Dispute Tribunal's Statute and art. 13 of its Rules of Procedure had been met. The Appeals Tribunal, *ibid.*, found that:

