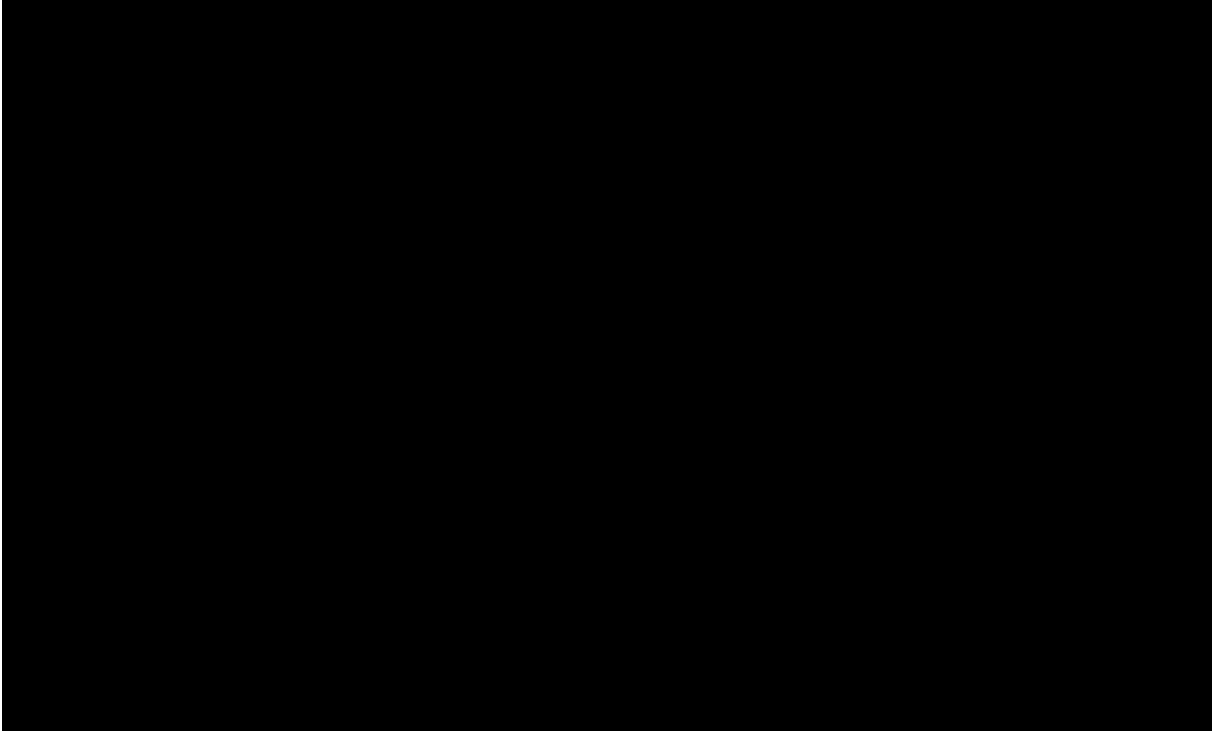


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4. The Appeals Tribunal expects parties to diligently protect their interests and takes time limits and other statutory procedures seriously. It does, however, have the power to waive the time limit for filing an appeal when “exceptional circumstances” so justify.

5. In the instant matter, the UNDT Judgment was rendered by the UNDT, and received by Ms. Balan, on 22 August 2013. The 60-day time limit for filing the appeal therefore expired on 21 October 2013. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Practice Direction No. 1, “[d]ocuments received by the Registry after the close of office hours will be filed on the following working day”. Because Ms. Balan’s appeal was recorded by CCMS at 5:30 pm on 21 October 2013, it was filed on 22 October 2013, and therefore outside the prescribed time limit.

6. It appears as though the delay was caused by technical difficulties associated with