Al Saleh

(Appellant)

(Respondent)

Order No. %%&(' (&))

1.   On 21 March 2018, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations elief and
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respecti)el%* issued +ud$, ent No. UN ! #-DT-2018-020 in Al Saleh v.
Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for
Palestine Refugees in the Near ast. Mr. . adi #h, ad #l /aleh appealed the +ud$, ent
on **20** #pril 2018 to the United Nations #ppeals Tribunal (#ppeals Tribunal*. The appeal
1as trans, itted to the Co, , issioner-**2**eneral on **3** +une 2018. The ti, e li, it for filin$
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30 da%s and the ans**1**er **1**as therefore due on **3** #u$ust 2018.

2.   On 28 #u$ust 2018, the Co, , issioner-**2**eneral filed a , otion re**6**uestin$ a
1ai)er of the ti, e li, it and for lea)e to file an ans**1**er to the appeal. **7**n support of his
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to Mr. Al Saleh if the motion was granted. The Commissioner-General requests that he be granted seven days from the date of the issuance of this Order to file his answer.

5.   Under Article 50 of the Rules, "the President or the panel hearing a case may shorten or extend a time limit fixed by the rules of procedure or waive any rule when the interests of justice so require".

6.   The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that it strictly enforces the various time limits under its Statute and Rules.[1] Having granted several motions for waiver of time limit to file an answer submitted by the Agency in the past, the Appeals Tribunal has clearly stated that it is "not prepared to easily grant a waiver or an extension of time limits in the future whenever the Commissioner-General is running behind due to an oversight by the Agency.[2] Therefore, in this case, a mere administrative oversight due to an alleged high work volume does not as such justif