THE UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Judgment No. 2016-UNAT-632

JUD#E IN(S) EINBER# DE RO*A+PRESIDIN#.

1. The United Nations A""eals Tri+unal 6A""eals Tri+unal7 has +efore it an a""eal of Judgment No. UN&T820118022 rendered +\$ the United Nations &is"ute Tri+unal 6UN&T or &is"ute Tri+unal7 in %ene9a in the #ase of

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+. 2D-116 a""li#a+le to staff mem+ers for : hom the allo: an#e +e#omes "a\$a+le "rior to one No9em+er 2013C"

627 first language

- a. 25-132 a""li#a+le to staff mem+ers for : hom the allo: an#e +e#omes "a\$a+le on or after one No9em+er 2013c"
- +. 33-103 a""li#a+le to staff mem+ers for : hom the allo: an#e +e#omes "a\$a+le "rior to one No9em+er 2013C"

637 se#ond language

- a. 13-D66 a""li#a+le to staff mem+ers for : hom the allo: an#e +e#omes "a\$a+le on or after one No9em+er 2013C
- +. 1D-012 a""li#a+le to staff mem+ers for : hom the allo: an#e +e#omes "a\$a+le "rior to one No9em+er 2013.
- 3. Ms. Jaishankar su+mitted a motion for an e0tension of time to file an a""li#ation against Ethe de#ision of A>@, M8(nternational Ci9il !er9i#e CommissionB that the #om"rehensi9e salar\$ sur9e\$ #ondu#ted in Ne: &elhi- (ndia- in June 2013 found that the #urrent salaries for lo#all\$-re#ruited staff are a+o9e the la+our marketF.²
- 1. >n 23 Mar#h 2011- the UN&T rendered Judgment No. UN&T820118022. The UN&T re#alled the A""eals Tri+unal Judgment in the #ase and reiterated that Ethe de#ision to free?e the e0isting salar\$ s#ales and to re9ie: do: n: ard allo: an#esF is not an administrati9e de#ision for the "ur"ose of Arti#le 26176a7 of the UN&T! tatute.³ Noting that- as a matter of la: the issue of re#ei9a+ilit\$ ma\$ +e ad=udi#ated: ithout ser9ing the a""li#ation on the , es"ondent for a re"l\$ and not: ithstanding that the issue: as not raised +\$ the "arties- the UN&T de#ided Ms. Jaishankar6s a""li#ation +\$: a\$ of summar\$=udgment and dismissed the a""li#ation as not re#ei9a+le

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's. Jaishankar's Appeal

6. The UN&T has failed to a""re#iate that- des"ite its general a""li#ation- the #ontested de#ision is an administrati9e de#ision : ith dire#t legal #onse<uen#es on her

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² (m"ugned Judgment- "ara. 1.
³ !" - "ara. 13- referring to

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terms of a""ointment and #ontra#t of em"lo\$ment. The UN&T6s inter"retation of Eadministrati9e de#isionF is narro: and e0#luding- and lea9es Ms. Jaishankar: ithout re#ourse to #ontest the issuan#e: hi#h is in 9iolation of her rights. The free?ing of salar\$ s#ales +ased on the re#ommendation of the @ead<uarters!teering Committee is a de#ision taken +\$ the !e#retar\$-%eneral to a##e"t the re#ommendations +\$ the !teering Committee and therefore- it is an Eadministrati9e de#isionF. The UN&T failed to e0er#ise =urisdi#tion 9ested in it and #ommitted an error of la:.

- D. The UN&T erred in "ro#edure +\$ treating Ms. Jaishankar6s motion as an in#om"lete a""li#ation and rendering a =udgment : ithout gi9ing her the o""ortunit\$ to "resent her #ase.
- 2. The UN&T erred in fa#t +\$ failing to a#kno: ledge that the fa#ts in : ere fundamentall\$ and materiall\$ different from those in Ms. Jaishankar@s #ase. Moreo9er- in the "resent #ase- the "ro#ess of the #om"rehensi9e salar\$ sur9e\$: as Enot trans"arent- : as erroneous and fault\$ leading

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not mean that the &is"ute Tri+unal must grant the staff mem+er& re<uest for an e0tension of timeC +ut it does mean that the &is"ute Tri+unal #annot #on9ert # a staff mem+er& re<uest for more time into an a""li#ation.

12. Under the &is"ute Tri+unal statutor s#heme- an a""li#ation is the do#ument

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22. Judgment No. UN&T820118022 is re9ersed and the matter is remanded to the &is"ute Tri+unal: ith dire#tions to "ermit the

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