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1. A) mad S)ua"- \$a, enda 5(r. \$a, enda6 7as a staff mem-er of t)e Un"ted Nat"ons C)"ldren& 9und 5UN:C; 96 ser&"ng at t)e Afg)an"stan Countr, %ff"3e. * e 7as d"sm"ssed from ser&"3e after t)e 3on3lus"on of a d"s3"pl"nar, pro3ess+ 7)"3) 7as prem"sed upon t)e 3)arge t)at)e)ad m"sstated t)e trut) on)"s <- appl"3at"on to t)e post)e t)en o33up"ed. * e f"led an appl"3at"on 7)t) t)e Un"ted Nat"ons 1"spute Tr"-unal 51"spute Tr"-unal or UN1T63)alleng"ng t)e d"sm"ssal de3"s"on+ and on 22 Septem-er 2020+ t)e UN1T "ssued Judgment No. UN1T=2020=101+^d re<e3t"ng)"s appl"3at"on and f"nd"ng t)at t)e d"s

6. On 1/ June 2017, UN:C; 9 placed (r. \$a, enda on adm"n"strat"e lea&e 7"t)out pa, 5A! 4%\$6 pend"ng t)e 3omplet"on of "ts "n&est"gat"on "nto allegat"ons t)at t)e latter)ad -rea3)ed)"s o-l"gat"ons under Staff Rule 1.55a6 -, fa"l"ng to pro&"de trut)ful "nformat"on on)"s <- appl"3at"on 5A! 4%\$ 1e3"s"on6.

0. In a letter dated 1A August 2017, t)e ! egal Counsel for :%(3onf"rmed to UN:C; 9 t)at (r. \$a, enda)ad "ndeed -een t)e su-@3t of an "n&est"gat"on "nto m"s3ondu3t for Ca3ts 3onst"tut"ng fraud or a-use of assets or funds, lead"ng to f"nan3"al loss to t)e %rgan"#at"onD. T)e :%(! egal Counsel also "nformed UN:C; 9 t)at (r. \$a, enda)ad -een ser&ed 7"t) a formal Not"3e of Allegat"ons 5NoA6 on 26 Januar, 2010+ 7)"3) e s"gned on 22 Januar, 2010 3onf"rm"ng re3e"pt. (r. \$a, enda 7as formall, "nter&"e7ed -, t)e :%(&%ff"3e of t)e :nspe3tor >eneral on A1 Januar, 210f Ju5(J) -3. 73907(a56557945(f) -1. 018()) da56557945(f3(l)3. 87971(

12. On 22 September 2020, the UNAT issued the impugned Judgment, finding (inter alia) that the Appellant's request for management and financial information was not submitted in a timely manner.

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intentionally, misstated the truth on its application. As such, it did not uphold the highest standards of integrity, required of international officials.

25. Regarding (r. 31) the full NoA documents, it was not the subject of an investigation. The Secretary-General argues to the contrary, that in clear and unambiguous terms, the full NoA documents at (r. 31) were indeed the subject of

26. The Respondent also submits that UN17 did not only, rely on the contents of the NoA - but analysed all the evidence attached to the case record. It is concluded that at the time of its application (r. 31) was already aware that it was the subject of an investigation. The

On the same day, the respondent acknowledges the existence of a fast-track process and the success of the alleged war crimes.

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AA. The approval of)'s resignation and the e@t 3learan3e form relating to the de&"3es and documents)e possessed as a staff member of :%(are not proof that)e)ad -een 3leared of an, 3)arges against)'m and "n no 3ase t)'s 3ould <ust"f,)'s statement to UN:C; 9 t)at)e)ad ne&er -een t)he su-@3t of an, pr"or "n&est"gat"on for m"s3ondu3t.

A/. I esp"te (r. \$a, enda&s pers"stent 3la"ms t)at)e 7as ne&er "n&ol&ed "n a formal "n&est"gat"on+t)he total"t, of t)he e&"den3e on t)he re3ord s)o7s Eu"te t)he oppos"te. :t s)ould also -e noted t)at -ot) part"es agreed t)at no oral)ear"ng 7as reEu"red and t)at t)he UN1T 3ould ad<ud"3ate t)he matter -ased on t)he re3ord.¹² Under t)ese 3"r3umstances+ 3ontrar, to (r. \$a, enda&s 3ontent"on+t)ere 7as no need for t)he UN1T to order t)at more documents -e addu3ed to t)he re3ord. T)erefore+ "t follo7s t)at t)he UN1T 7as 3orre3t "n "ts f"nd"ng t)at t)he fa3ts 7ere esta-l"s)ed a33ord"ng to t)he appropriate standard of 3lear and 3on&"n3"ng e&"den3e.^{1A}

A5. Ne@t+ 7)en determ"n"ng 7)et)er t)he fa3ts+ as esta-l"s)ed+ amounted to m"s3ondu3t+ t)he UN1T -ased "ts 3on3lus"on on and Staff Regulat"on 1.25-6^{1/}

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and upon evaluating the alleged misconduct against the applicable legal standards, the UNAT was correct in determining that the failure to disclose relevant information amounted to misconduct (7) of course barred the possible sanction of termination of appointment.

70. There is an additional component (7) reinforces the UNAT's finding of misconduct. It bears recall that the ("estigation was also intended to allegations of fraud and abuse of assets or funds. Honesty, and integrity, are core values expected of international civil servants, and allegations of "impropriety, in those respects should be thoroughly investigated. It is even more significant in the present instance as (r. \$a, and occupied the post of 9th Assistant Secretary-General (r. \$a, and resigned) the disciplinary process at () and not concluded at the time (r. \$a, and resigned) matters in the present case is not the outcome of the ("estigation - ultimately the fact that)e was clearly, informed in January, 2010 that there was an "estigation into)s alleged misconduct - before)e)ad applied for the UN:C; 9 Post in April 2010.¹²

71. It follows that)en (r. \$a, and submitted)s application for the UN:C; 9 Post) was full, aware of the ongoing "estigation against)m and , et)e ()ed the ()nding that)e)ad not been the subject of an "estigation for misconduct -,)s former employer.)ad (r. \$a, and given the correct information) the result of)s selection ()ell)ad been different. The misrepresentation) therefore,)ad)mproperly, influenced the outcome of the recruitment process, (7) resulted in (r. \$a, and)s selection. The)rganisation was never afforded the benefit of a full and accurate picture of (r. \$a, and)s conduct, .)ence) the UNAT was correct in its finding that)s ()e)ad our amounts to misconduct as)e del-erately, failed to provide correct information to UN:C; 9D.¹²

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As the Appeals Tribunal has previously established, substantial procedural irregularities can render a decision final, unreviewable and thus did not occur here.

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