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Case No. UNDT/NBI/2022/095 Judgment No. UNDT/2023/068 allowance on his return from Special Leave, but under no circumstances can the Organization pay him those entitlements retroactively. Entitlements can only be paid on the basis of established rates *at the time* the entitlement is due.

## Considerations

18. The Tribunal is aware that unstable political circumstances in Lebanon, along with security challenges and regional unrest, have impaired the Lebanese economy for the last several years and that since 2019 the situation has further exacerbated the economic environment and that economic imbalances have intensified deeply in 2020-2021 and vulnerabilities have continued growing, thus giving rise to severe financial challenges.

19. The notorious situation is well expressed in the Overview of the Recent Developments in Lebanon, 2021, published by the Lebanon Central Bank in its official website, and of which the Tribunal takes judicial note. The report reads:

Lebanon has been living multiple shocks in the past two years, TQg00 g5ag0 g5ag0 g85 g7g00 g¥ XVÈFXVL%KEpC\$YS(BBBEAL) currency and adopted an exchange rate of LBP15,000 per U.S. dollar, as part of a process to unify the country s multiple exchange-rate system.

21. Given this context, the Applicant recalls the economic collapse of the

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