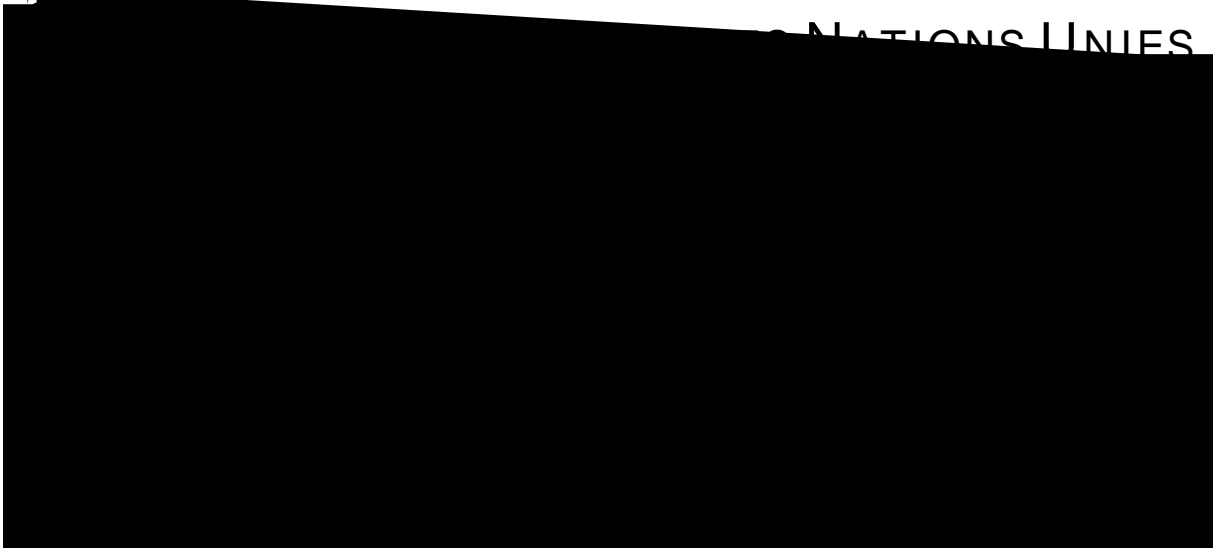




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?. In an e-mail dated 19 4cto/er 2018+ t) e C) airperson informed mem/ers of t) e ??<sup>9</sup> session of t) e \$ension ' oard+ including ( s. #oc-cliffe+ of t) e ad"ice t) at ) e ) ad recei"ed from t) e %irector of t) e Bt) ics 4ffice+and proposed t) at ( r. 6itCgerald+anot) er participants8 representati"e appointed to t) e ' . as an alternate+ ser"e su/stanti"el& on t) e ' . + in place of ( s. #oc-cliffe. In a follo9-up e-mail dated 22 4cto/er 2018+ t) e C) airperson confirmed ) is proposed arrangement.

3. 4n 22 4cto/er 2018+ ( s. #oc-cliffe filed an application for e2ecution of Judgment No. 2013-UNAT-803.

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constituent groups, committees and working groups, the Chairperson had removed her name from the list of members of the . . .

9. ( s. #oc-cliffe maintains that the decision of the Chairperson was procedural and flawed as it circumvented the established process here and the Standing Committee of the Session Board is authorized to act for the Session Board when it is not in session.

10. ( s. #oc-cliffe contends that the Chairperson based his decision on an opinion from the Ethics Office that he had personally solicited. That opinion in turn based its rationale on the amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Fund and had been found to be null and void.

11. ( s. #oc-cliffe alleges that the decision to remove her from the . . . appeared to be a direct act of retaliation against her for expressing her agreement with the report of the Ethics Office of Internal Affairs. It also demonstrates bad faith and collusion on the part of the secretariat of the Fund and the Chairperson.

12. ( s. #oc-cliffe requests that the Appeals Tribunal order the execution of Judgment No. 2013-UNAT-803.

The respondent

13. Judgment No. 2013-UNAT-803 issued by the Appeals Tribunal has been fully executed. ( s. #oc-cliffe received documents and training for and attended the UN Security Council meeting on 8 November 2013. She also participated in the subsequent UN Security Council meetings as well as the 77th session of the Session Board from 27 July to 2 August 2018. In a word ( s. #oc-cliffe ) has not been denied her right to participate in the UN Security Council and the Session Board ( s. #oc-cliffe ) as been accorded all rights and privileges in accordance with the Appeals Tribunal Judgment, including access to all documents.

14. \* o9e"er+ ( s. #oc-cliffe's participation in the Session Board is not unfettered. It is governed by the norms of conduct that govern all members of the Session Board, including acting with the highest standards of efficiency and competence and integrity. After the Ethics Office finding that there was a conflict of interest for ( s. #oc-cliffe to serve as a member of the . . . + the matter should be resolved in favor of the interests of the Fund. There is no right for ( s. #oc-cliffe to serve on the . . . . A9are of a possible conflict of interest in her case, the Session Board nominated an alternate to take ( s. #oc-cliffe's place if the Ethics Office found

her serving on the . Was a conflict of interest. . He/she is not a member of the . +  
( s. #oc-cliffe can continue to serve on the Session ' oard.

17. ( s. #oc-cliffe ) as failed to provide an proof to substantiate her allegations of /ad fait)+  
retaliation+or collusion for the dela&in re: uesting an opinion from the Bt) ics 4ffice.

Con id"ation

17. The cru2 of the matter for consideration and determination is 9)et)er ( s. #oc-cliffe&  
appointment to+ and )er remo"al from+ the ' . in 2018 falls 9it)in the scope of the

options: either remain on the Session ' board and accept to be moved to another post outside of the Fund+ or continue to work in the Fund and resign from the Session ' board and the UN5SC.<sup>8</sup>

21. The main findings of the Appeals Tribunal on the merits were that it was no law (en prohibition) ( s. #oc-cliffe from running for election to the UN5SC) and iii) ( s. #oc-cliffe s) ould conse: uentl&/e accorded the same rights and privileges as the other duly elected UN5SC members+ including participating in Session ' board sessions and meetings and its constituent groups+ committees and working groups.

22. Consequently (although) the Appeals Tribunal did not explicitly address the issue of conflict of interest in its Judgment+ it impliedly reflected it+ /& means of applying the law in force at the time. The Appeals Tribunal stated that: ~~At~~ at the time when ( s. #oc-cliffe decided to be a candidate in the election there was no law (en) ic) pre"ented her from being elected to the UN5SC.<sup>9</sup> The Appeals Tribunal held:<sup>10</sup>

; !t therefore follows that as a direct consequence of her election to the UN5SC the same rights and privileges pertaining to an elected member are conferred upon ( s. #oc-cliffe. There is no law (en) ic) empowering the Standing Committee to remove or restrict these rights and privileges.

; The Standing Committee's decision to deny ( s. #oc-cliffe access to the Session ' board documents and

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