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106th Session

Judgment No. 2814

THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL,

Considering the complaint filed by Mrs M. T.-G. against the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 4 October 2007 and corrected on 9 November 2007;

Considering Articles II, paragraph 5, and VII of the Statute of the Tribunal and Article 7 of its Rules;

Having examined the written submissions;

CONSIDERATIONS

1. The complainant worked at WMO on a series of short-term contracts from 1997 to 2001. In May 2001 she was informed that her contract would not be renewed.

2. The complainant describes the social hardship which she has faced since she left WMO. She emphasises that she was very hesitant to file a complaint with the Tribunal; she recognises that her complaint has been filed late, but says that her decision to initiate proceedings was taken after reading a press article published in January 2007 and after the death of the former Secretary-General, which had dashed her last hope of finding employment.

She appears to complain of the legal framework governing her employment at WMO, the non-renewal of her contract and the adverse impact of the way in which she was treated on her ability to obtain another job and on her pension rights. She produces a letter that she wrote to a lawyer on 9 April 2002 in which she states that she was dissuaded from turning to the Tribunal at an earlier date.

3. The complainant does not allege that she lodged an internal appeal within the requisite time limit in order to put forward the claims which she is submitting for the first time to the Tribunal. In these circumstances, it must be concluded that her complaint is irreceivable under Article VII, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Tribunal and that it must be dismissed in accordance with the summary procedure provided for in Article 7(2) of the Rules.

DECISION

For the above reasons,
The complaint is dismissed.

In witness of this judgment, adopted on 13 November 2008, Mr Seydou Ba, President of the Tribunal, Mr Claude Rouiller, Judge, and Mr Patrick Frydman, Judge, sign below, as do I, Catherine Comtet, Registrar.

Delivered in public in Geneva on 4 February 2009.

Seydou Ba
Claude Rouiller
Patrick Frydman
Catherine Comtet