

Edna Watson,  
Applicant

v.

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,  
Respondent

Order No. 2002-20

1. The World Bank Administrative Tribunal, composed of Francisco Orrego Vicuña, President, Thio Su Mien and Bola A. Ajibola, Vice Presidents, and A. Kamal Abul-Magd, Robert A. Gorman, Elizabeth Evatt and Jan Paulsson, Judges, has been seized of an application, received on June 13, 2002, by Edna Watson against the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The application, as received, did not contain any explanatory statement of the “legal grounds on which the pleas [were] based,” nor did the application contain annexes.

2. The Applicant is requesting review of the non-renewal of her employment, which she claims “was based on false statements and discriminatory conduct.” The Applicant formerly resorted to the Appeals Committee, whose report, dated October 9, 2001, was mailed on October 30, 2001 to the Applicant along with a letter from the Vice President of Human Resources accepting the Committee’s recommendations, including that the Applicant be awarded one year’s salary. The Applicant claims in her application to the Tribunal that she “did not receive the [Appeals] Committee’s findings until February 2, 2002.”

3. By a letter to the parties dated July 1, 2002, the Tribunal requested the Applicant to provide evidence supporting this claim and the Respondent to provide “any comments that it may have concerning the alleged date of receipt by the Applicant of the decision of the Vice President of Human Resources.” The Respondent thereafter produced evidence showing that the Bank had sent the Vice President’s decision to the Applicant by registered mail and that it had been delivered and signed for on November 6, 2001. The Applicant, for her part, made no further proffer of evidence.

4. Under Article II, paragraph 2(ii), of the Tribunal’s Statute:

No ... application shall be admissible, except under exceptional circumstances as decided by the Tribunal, unless:

(ii) the application is filed within one hundred and twenty days after ...

(b) receipt of notice, after the applicant has exhausted all other remedies available within the Bank Group, that the relief asked for or recommended will not be granted.

5. In this case, according to the clear evidence produced, the Applicant did not submit her application with the Tribunal within the 120-day limit required by the Tribunal’s Statute. The Applicant has, moreover, not presented any exceptional circumstances to justify her failure to file her application with the Tribunal in a timely manner. The application is on this basis clearly irreceivable.

**Decision**

The Tribunal decides that the application be summarily dismissed.

/S/ Francisco Orrego Vicuña  
Francisco Orrego Vicuña  
President

/S/ Nassib G. Ziadé  
Nassib G. Ziadé  
Executive Secretary

At Washington, D.C., September 30, 2002