

World Bank Administrative Tribunal

2024

Order No. 2024-01

HJ, Applicant

v.

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Respondent

> World Bank Administrative Tribunal Office of the Executive Secretary

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International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Respondent

1. On 10 May 2023, the Tribunal received an Application filed by the Applicant against the Bank.

2. On 1 April 2024, the Applicant requested the withdrawal of her Application. The Applicant further requested anonymity.

3. On 8 April 2024, the Bank commented on the Applicant's request for withdrawal. In its comments, the Bank stated that the

withdrawal and dismissal should be "with prejudice" and [the] Applicant should not be permitted to re-file her claim in the future. In other words, the dismissal should operate as *res judicata*, precluding re-litigation of all claims that [the] Applicant brought, or could have brought, at the time she filed her Application.

The Bank requested that the dismissal state "that all statutes of limitations continued to run, and were not stayed, during the pendency of [the] Applicant's current claim."

4. The Bank submitted further comments on 29 April 2024 supporting the Applicant's request for anonymity.

5. Having regard to the Applicant's request and the Bank's comments, the Tribunal has decided to dismiss the Application. The Tribunal notes that its dismissal is with prejudice to the claims raised in the Application.

DECISION

The Application is dismissed.

/S/Janice Bellace Janice Bellace President

/S/ Zakir Hafez Zakir Hafez Executive Secretary

At Washington, D.C., 3 May 2024