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19. Mr. Sanbar filed both his request for administrative review and his appeal with the International Joint Appeals Board nine and a half years after the respective deadlines provided for by former Area Staff Rule 111.3, which was applicable at the time. This Tribunal has held that a Dispute Tribunal is competent to rule on issues of appeal only if the appeal to the former joint appeals board was timely.<sup>1</sup> The Appeals Tribunal has also held that it has been strictly enforcing and will continue to strictly enforce the various time limits.<sup>2</sup> The UNRWA DT therefore correctly held that the application was time-barred.

20. Similarly, the UNRWA DT correctly held that the application was not receivable *ratione materiae* because Mr. Sanbar did not contest an administrative decision and because he had erroneously filed his appeal with the International Joint Appeals Board, which lacked jurisdiction to hear his appeal because it concerned Mr. Sanbar's employment with UNRWA as a former Area staff member.

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<sup>1</sup> *Ishak v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2010-UNAT-050.

<sup>2</sup> *Mezoui v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Judgment No. 2010-UNAT-043.

**Judgment**

21. For the foregoing reasons, the appeal is dismissed.

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Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2012 in New York, United States.

*(Signed)*

Judge Weinberg de Roca,  
Presiding

*(Signed)*

Judge Simón

*(Signed)*

Judge Chapman

Entered in the Register on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013 in New York, United States.

*(Signed)*

Weicheng Lin, Registrar