

[External] Re: Personal Attention

POLLARD Catherine

Tue 01/12/2020 02:21

To: REILLY Emma [REDACTED]

Cc: AL-NASHIF Nada [REDACTED]

SWANSON Ben [REDACTED]

BACHELET Michelle [REDACTED]

LOPEZ Martha helena [REDACTED]

OERTLY Paul [REDACTED]

SANCHEZ Rick [REDACTED]

ARMSTRONG Elia [REDACTED]

AG [REDACTED]

emmareilly@gmail.com [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Reilly,

With respect to your query concerning your communication of falsehoods and misrepresentations, these include but are not limited to, for instance, your allegation that a judge of the UN Dispute Tribunal dealing with one of your cases was removed.

As you are aware, this matter has been finally determined by the UN Appeals Tribunal which found that the term of the judge had legally expired upon appointment by the UN General Assembly of new judges to the UN Dispute Tribunal.

In addition, you have been informed, by way of letter dated 10 June 2020 and a meeting with the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights on 18 June 2020 of the outcome of the investigation into your complaints against the former High Commissioner for Human Rights and Mr. Tistounet.

Your complaints against the former High Commissioner and Mr. Tistounet were not substantiated.

Kind regards,
Catherine Pollard

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2020, at 6:37 PM, REILLY Emma <ereilly@ohchr.org> wrote:

Dear Ms Pollard,

I note your failure to respond. I can only therefore conclude that you in fact are fully aware that I have told no falsehood and made no misrepresentation. It is unfortunate that you once again decided to knowingly abuse your authority with the sole intention of intimidating me into ignoring my obligation as a UN staff member to report complicity in international crimes externally where every internal system has failed.

I reiterate my request to the SG to lift your immunity regarding this deliberate defamation.

Regards,
Emma Reilly

From: REILLY Emma

Sent: 11 November 2020 21:54:12

To: POLLARD Catherine

Cc: AL-NASHIF Nada; SWANSON Ben; BACHELET Michelle; LOPEZ Martha helena; OERTLY Paul; SANCHEZ Rick; ARMSTRONG Elia; AG; emmareilly@gmail.com

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Dear Ms Pollard,

You made exceptionally serious, false allegations against me that are not backed up by any evidence whatsoever. I request a response within 24 hours to my questions - **precisely what falsehoods and misrepresentation do you accuse me of?** I am happy to provide sworn witness testimony of persons whose names were transmitted to the Chinese government without their knowledge or consent. Just let me know how many it will take to convince you that my single version of what happened is true, while whichever of OHCHR's now *eleven* on-the-record versions they currently claim is false. I thought a single case of torture was one too many, but then I also thought the UN Human Rights Office would prioritise legally binding obligations under international human rights law over the vague potential of a slightly improved political relationship with the Chinese delegation.

I hereby **ask the Secretary-General to lift your immunity** so that I may sue you for this defamation, which you copied to numerous senior officials, including those based in countries where defamation is a criminal offence. It was your choice to listen to, and repeat, defamation of me by OHCHR without ever checking the truth. I note that, **when the Dutch Foreign Minister repeated OHCHR defamation, he was forced to correct the parliamentary record**, within only three months, because national and EU laws are applied in practice, unlike UN rules (<https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/kamervragen/detail?id=2019D01060&did=2019D01060>). I look forward to our court hearing to obtain the name of the OHCHR official who defamed me. While you have already demonstrated the power to remove UNDT judges to prevent them ruling in my favour, you do not have such powers in countries with the rule of law.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Emma Reilly

From: REILLY Emma

Sent: 11 November 2020 11:13

To: POLLARD Catherine

Cc: AL-NASHIF Nada; SWANSON Ben; BACHELET Michelle; LOPEZ Martha helena; OERTLY Paul; SANCHEZ Rick; ARMSTRONG Elia; AG; 

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Dear Ms Pollard,

I have not told a single falsehood. If you claim the opposite, kindly provide an actual example with evidence. I have around 4,000 pieces of written evidence to back up what I am saying, including the failures of basically everyone in copy to either investigate this policy or make sure it stopped (asking the very person I reported is clearly insufficient). Kindly stop repeatedly defaming me without evidence. I refer you to the harassment policy in this regard.

I note that both you and the new DHC explicitly stated that Jan Beagle's statement in The Guardian that the UN does not prevent its staff from speaking to the press is limited to whistleblowers. That is now my case. If this policy has changed, I propose that you publicly correct it, as knowingly lying to staff is very serious for someone in your positions.

OHCHR, on the other hand, has repeatedly, publicly lied about me and about this disgraceful, dangerous practice. I even took the care to list ten of the lies in my last letter to the Secretary-General, in the hope that the UN might finally prioritise human rights over this reflexive cover-up.

It would indeed have been better for any of those in copy to do their jobs and speak with me in the last seven and a half years. The only times any of you have bothered to do so is in response to my legitimate, external reports of wrongdoing. Your interventions have been limited to telling me to shut up rather than any engagement whatsoever on the complicity in genocide I am reporting. It is dangerous for the recent judgement to remain in place - it means that any UN staff member who sees rules being broken for China should stay silent in the face of criminal complicity in genocide.

And I will continue to email the Secretary-General asking for his intervention, in the hope that he may see the larger issue over attempts to crush a P-3 who did her job and prioritised the lives and safety of human rights activists over a relationship with China. When so many people whose names were handed over have publicly supported me, and spoken of the danger in which they were placed, how can you continue to claim this was fine? I am a UN staff member doing my job and making external reports of wrongdoing when an entire system has failed. That may be embarrassing to you, but you had seven and a half years to do something. You preferred to try to crush me and cover this up. That has not worked. It may be time to change tactics and actually order a credible, external investigation before you are forced to by donors.

Very best,
Emma

From: POLLARD Catherine
Sent: 10 November 2020 23:42:36
To: REILLY Emma
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Dear Ms. Reilly,

I refer to the series of email exchanges in which you have been advised to cease engaging in public communications, including interviews with external media.

Your ongoing engagement in these activities is unacceptable and inconsistent with your obligations as a United Nations staff member under the Staff Regulations and Rules. You must desist with your falsehoods and misrepresentations on this issue immediately, including ceasing sending emails to the Secretary-General.

Best Regards,
Catherine Pollard.

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