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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 54/19 B, which endorsed the recommendations of the Phase V Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE). A key outcome of this Working Group was the decision to, inter alia, conduct a triennial review of rates of reimbursement for COE and for Member States to provide data to support this process. In its resolution 62/252, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the COE Working Group that future triennial reviews be conducted in the form of a comprehensive review using data provided by troop- and police-contributing countries.

In this context, the Secretariat wishes to inform Permanent Missions that the next COE Working Group meeting will be convened from 16 to 27 January 2023 (inclusive), in New York, to conduct the triennial review of current reimbursement rates and consider issue papers related to technical standards, procedures and policies of the COE reimbursement system. As recommended by the 2020 COE Working Group in its report A/74/689 and approved by the General Assembly resolution 74/279, the Working Group will convene an organizational pre-session meeting to elect its Bureau and adopt the agenda. The pre-session meeting is scheduled to take place on 17 November 2022.

To support the triennial review by the Working Group, the Secretariat is seeking **national cost data** on major equipment, self-sustainment, and medical support services associated with military and police contingents contributed to United Nations peacekeeping operations, using items that are in service during the calendar year of 2021 as a base. The detailed instructions and spreadsheets that must be used in providing requested data are attached to this note. The General Assembly also approved a form which Member States must use if they elect to endorse rates contained in the current COE Manual (A/75/121), either in part or in full, instead of providing national cost data. This declaration form is also attached. All instructions, forms, and sheets for collecting national cost data will also be made available via the Working Group website. A link to this site will be shared separately.

The deadline for submission of national cost data or the form to adopt current reimbursement rates is **Tuesday, 31 May 2022**.

Furthermore, Member States may opt to submit **issue papers** with proposals related to policy, procedure, and standards of the COE system, for the consideration of the 2023 COE Working Group. The template for the submission of issue papers is attached to this note and will also be available via the aforementioned website.

All issue papers should be prepared in the template format and submitted to the Secretariat no later than **Tuesday, 31 May 2022**.

Completed submissions of both national cost data and issue papers should be returned to the Uniformed Capabilities Support Division of the Department of Operational Support via the Working Group dedicated email: COEWG2023@un.org

The cost data and issue papers received from both Member States and Secretariat entities will be consolidated and distributed to Member States ahead of the 2023 COE Working Group pre-session meeting. To facilitate the consolidation process, the Secretariat reiterates that Member States should only use the templates provided for the submission of national cost data and issue papers. The Uniformed Capabilities Support Division of the Department of Operational Support stands ready to assist Permanent Missions in this process. The Secretariat further reaffirms its commitment to ensure confidentiality regarding cost data collected as part of the exercise.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations for their continued support to the peacekeeping operations of the United Nations, and to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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